

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
JANUARY 17, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll was taken with the following results: Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member MATT PITZER, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member PAT FOWLER, and Council Member ANDREA WANER were present. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, City Clerk Sheela Amin, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meetings of October 3, 2022, October 17, 2022, November 7, 2022, November 21, 2022, and December 5, 2022 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waner.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Pitzer.

SPECIAL ITEM

SI1-23 Swearing in of Gabe Huffington as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Columbia.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Gabe Huffington as the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Columbia.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon receiving the majority vote of the Council, the following individuals were appointed to the following Boards and Commissions.

COLUMBIA SPORTS COMMISSION

Kunz, Kristopher, 6520 E. St. Charles Road, Boone County, Term to expire December 31, 2024

PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Moyes, William, 4209 Fritz Court, Ward 2, Term to expire February 1, 2026

RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Sandner, Zach, 240 County Road 438, Howard County, Term to expire July 15, 2025

TREE BOARD

McMains, Jacob, 3507 Zinnia Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire January 31, 2026

Miller, Max, 4401 Fall River Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire January 31, 2026

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC1-23 Jim Windsor – Build Option A Transmission Line.

Jim Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, indicated he was representing Build Option A and spoke.

SPC2-23 Traci Wilson-Kleekamp, Race Matters, Friends (RMF) – BeHeard.comogov.arpa vs Authentic Community Engagement.

Mayor Buffaloe explained Traci Wilson-Kleekamp could not attend tonight and that she had asked to be rescheduled for the next meeting.

SPC3-23 Christine Gardener – Solid Waste Collection.

Christine Gardener, 112 Anderson Avenue, spoke.

SPC4-23 Rick Shanker - Trash.

Rick Shanker was not in attendance.

SPC5-23 Reba Newman – Neighbor’s Fence Blocking Driveway and Backyard.

Reba Newman spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH1-23 Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Garth Avenue between Broadway and Stewart Road.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to approve the installation of traffic calming devices on Garth Avenue between Broadway and Stewart Road. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH2-23 Proposed construction of a bike park in the northeast corner of Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area to include a trailhead for Rhett’s Run Mountain Bike Trail, asphalt pump track, mountain bike skills course, cyclocross event space, and bike playground; providing for construction of the proposed improvement using a design/build contract.

B355-22 Authorizing construction of a bike park in the northeast corner of Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area to include a trailhead for Rhett’s Run Mountain Bike Trail, asphalt pump track, mountain bike skills course, cyclocross event space, and bike playground; providing for construction of the improvement using a design/build contract.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk, and the bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Lelande Rehard indicated he was the President of the CoMo Trail Association and spoke.

Carter Lemke spoke.

Marlowe Weis, an athlete for National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), spoke.

Mike Burden, a Fourth Ward resident, explained he was representing the COMO Raptors, a local youth mountain bike team, and spoke.

Sarah Ashman, a trustee of the Frank W. Morris Memorial Trust, spoke.

Angela Peterson indicated she was representing CoMo CycloCross and spoke.

Lawrence Simonson with Local Motion spoke.

Sawyer Giacchi spoke.

Guillermo Hernandez explained he was the President of Mizzou Club Cycling and spoke.

John Fitch spoke.

There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.

The Council made comments.

B355-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

PH3-23 Proposed construction of improvements at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) to include replacement of the Water Zone play structure and aggregate flooring, the aquatics office area and party room flooring, the elevator control valve, and the domestic water heater, and the construction of building foundation repairs.

B356-22 Authorizing construction of improvements at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) to include replacement of the Water Zone play structure and aggregate flooring, the aquatics office area and party room flooring, the elevator control valve, and the domestic water heater, and the construction of building foundation repairs; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk, and the bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B356-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

B300-22 Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code to establish revised regulations for the “drive-up facility” accessory use.

The bill was given third reading by the City Clerk.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to table B300-22 to the March 6, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B353-22 Calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, on the question whether to impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and he, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, City Clerk Amin, and City Manager De’Carlton Seewood responded to Council questions.

Anthony Stanton, 315 LaSalle, spoke.

Barbara Jefferson, a First Ward resident, spoke.

Dan Viets, 15 N. Tenth Street, who indicated he had helped to draft Amendment 3, spoke.

The Council made comments.

B353-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B357-22 Authorizing an agreement for the donation of real estate with Carol A. Alspaugh for property located on the north and south sides of Mexico Gravel Road and on the west side of Vandiver Drive to be used for park and greenspace purposes; naming John W. Alspaugh Park.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Bruce Alspaugh, 2815 Skyview Road, who was accompanied by his mother, Carol Ann Alspaugh, 2809 Skyview Road, spoke.

Adam Saunders, 212 Hirth Avenue, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Nick Shapiro, 4013 Newport Court, indicated he was the Executive Director of the Greenbelt Land Trust of Mid-Missouri and spoke.

Ken Midkiff, 1005 Belleview Court, stated he was a member of the executive committee of the Mid-Missouri Group of the Sierra Club and spoke.

Lelande Rehard explained he was with the CoMo Trail Association and spoke.

The Council made comments.

B357-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were given second reading and the resolutions were read by the City Clerk.

B352-22 Calling the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, to elect Council Members for Wards 1 and 5 for the City of Columbia.

B354-22 Approving the Final Plat of “Stoneybrook Subdivision, Plat No. 2A” located south of the intersection of Katy Woods Court and Katy Lane (1900 and 1902 Katy Woods Court); authorizing performance contracts.

B358-22 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Ending the HIV Epidemic: Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments.

B359-22 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Public Transit Advisory Commission.

B360-22 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to change the speed limit on a portion of Garth Avenue, between Ash Street and Stewart Road.

B361-22 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code relating to election voting time provided to City employees.

- B362-22** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget for first quarter appropriation of funds in the City Utilities, Community Development, Public Works, Information Technology, and Police Departments.
- R1-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Audubon Drive between Stadium Boulevard and Shepard Boulevard, and on Shepard Boulevard between Old 63 South and Audubon Drive.
- R2-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Alan Lane, McKee Street, Oriole Lane, and Boyd Lane.
- R3-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed fabrication and installation of a bridge across Flat Branch Creek as part of the Flat Branch Park expansion park; providing for the fabrication and installation of the proposed improvement using a design/build contract.
- R4-23** Authorizing a contract with the Central Missouri Humane Society for 2023 animal control and municipal shelter services.
- R5-23** Authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Missouri Department of Transportation for federal 2022 Supplemental Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the St. Charles Road (Clark Lane to Demaret Drive) sidewalk project that aids in non-motorized transportation.
- R6-23** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Lochmueller Group to provide safety analysis for proposed future street and intersection capital improvement projects.
- R7-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Resource Management Agreement with The Energy Authority, Inc. to evaluate the benefits and costs of transitioning the Water and Light Department from its existing supply portfolio to 100% renewable energy by 2030.
- R8-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Carpenters Ridge" located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road and north of Blue Ridge Road (3310 Oakland Gravel Road).
- R9-23** Reaffirming and restating Ordinance No. 025105 adopting the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) "Rule of 80" retirement age provision for current and future eligible City employees; directing the City Clerk to give notice of the adoption of the benefit change.
- R10-23** Approving Commerce Bank and Mischler Financial Group as approved financial institutions for the investment of pooled funds; authorizing execution of agreements and establishing authority for designated city employees to establish brokerage accounts at such financial institutions.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions read by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, FOWLER, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE (Mayor Buffaloe stepped out during the vote on these items). Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The following bills were introduced by the Mayor unless otherwise indicated, and all were given first reading.

- B1-23** Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to revise Article XIII relating to marijuana business licensing regulations.
- B2-23** Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code as it relates to marijuana regulations.
- B3-23** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to allow the construction and operation of a temporary shelter with associated support services on Lot 1 of E.C. More's Subdivision, Plat 1A located on the northeast corner of Bowling Street and Business Loop 70 in an M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor) zoning district.
- B4-23** Rezoning property located on the east side of William Street and north of Amelia Street (704 N. William Street) from District R-MF (Multi-Family Residential) to District R-2 (Two-family Residential).
- B5-23** Approving an amendment to the "Crosscreek Center - Lot 108A of Crosscreek Center Plat 1-A" PD Plan located on the west side of Cinnamon Hill Lane and east of Highway 63 (1407 Cinnamon Hill Lane).
- B6-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Forest Hills, Plat No. 3" located on the southwest corner of Geyser Boulevard and Lake of the Woods Road; authorizing a performance contract.
- B7-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Conley Marketplace Plat 2" located west of the intersection of East Business Loop 70 and Conley Road; authorizing a performance contract.

- B8-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Ewing Industrial Park, Plat 2A” located on the north side of Peabody Road and east of North Brown Station Road; authorizing a performance contract.
- B9-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Oakwood Hills Subdivision, Block 6A” located on the northeast corner of Rollingwood Drive and Burrwood Drive (909 Rollingwood Drive); authorizing a performance contract.
- B10-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Spartan Pointe” located on the south side of Spartan Drive and the east side of Battle Avenue; authorizing a performance contract.
- B11-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Legacy Farms, Plat No. 1” located on the west side of Sinclair Road and south of Nifong Boulevard; authorizing a performance contract.
- B12-23** Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to provide for a delay in the assessment of late charges to eligible residential utility customers.
- B13-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the software subscription contract with Milsoft Utility Solutions, Inc. for implementation and hosting services for an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to manage incoming electrical and outage reports via phone call from City Water and Light customers.
- B14-23** Accepting conveyances for underground electric, sewer, utility and drainage purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B15-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the epidemiology and laboratory capacity community health worker initiative.
- B16-23** Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Monkeypox Response Program.
- B17-23** Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri for 2023 animal control services.
- B18-23** Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri for 2023 public health services.
- B19-23** Authorizing the fabrication and installation of a bridge across Flat Branch Creek as part of the Flat Branch Park expansion park; providing for the fabrication and installation of the improvement using a design/build contract.
- B20-23** Authorizing a 2022 donation agreement with Veterans United Foundation and Community Foundation of Central Missouri associated with renovations to the basketball courts at Douglass Park.
- B21-23** Authorizing a grant agreement with the State of Missouri - Missouri State Council on the Arts for the 2022-2023 Annual Heritage Festival and Crafts Show managed by the Parks and Recreation Department; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B22-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary for the Police Department - Operations Division and Special Services Division; amending the FY 2023 Classification and Pay Plan by reassigning a classification.
- B23-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget for first quarter appropriation of funds in the Parks and Recreation Department, Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund, Public Health and Human Services Department, and Finance Department.
- B24-23** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the submission schedule of the annual Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (CAAP) progress report and recommendations prepared by the Climate and Environment Commission.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

- REP1-23** Communication from the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council regarding the Business Loop.
The Council asked questions and discussed the issue.
- REP2-23** Public Improvement Project for the Parks Management Center at Cosmo Park.
Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.
- REP3-23** Summary of Steps for the Design and Construction of the Ash Street Improvements.
The Council made comments.
- REP4-23** Monthly Finance Report.
- REP5-23** Amendment to the FY 2023 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.
Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and the Council made comments.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Chriss Jones, a resident of the Second Ward, spoke regarding officer involved shootings within the United States to include the recent officer involved shooting of an individual having a mental health crisis within the City of Columbia.

Anthony Stanton, 315 LaSalle, spoke regarding the need to create affordable housing to keep people in Columbia, and to consider using the marijuana tax toward that effort.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line, spoke about various items to include the success stories involving the homeless, the need for affordable housing, forfeiture fund accounts, controversy involving a landowner near the Airport, and trash.

Keondre Harrison spoke regarding the need for affordable housing and addressing the housing disparity in Columbia.

Barbara Jefferson, a resident of the First Ward, spoke about various issues to include the need to identify what would be considered affordable housing, the need for jobs that paid enough to be able to purchase an affordable home, training so a human being with only a knife would not be killed by the police, and domestic violence concerns.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include starting to think about the pay philosophy for city employees in anticipation of receiving the classification and compensation study, issues associated with the recent officer involved shooting that resulted in a death, an update regarding domestic violence services, concerns regarding community violence and its relationship with mental health and/or community health, a review of traffic calming on Garth Avenue, north of Broadway, the transit system and the issues associated with the bus stops, and items RubinBrown would audit.

Council Member Fowler made a motion for an audit of solid waste to be added to the calendar for RubinBrown. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady.

Council discussed the motion.

The motion for an audit of solid waste to be added to the calendar for RubinBrown made by Council Member Fowler and seconded by Council Member Lovelady was defeated by roll call vote with Council Member Lovelady, Council Member Foster, Council Member Pitzer, Council Member Peters, Mayor Buffaloe, and Council Member Waner voting no, and Council Member Fowler voting yes.

The Council and staff continued to discuss various topics to include the electric transmission issue associated with Option A, the ex-officio seats to the Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Board meetings, the scope of the RRT Engineering contract in terms of review of the recycling program, and the upcoming Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB) onboarding/training meetings in February.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk