

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 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 MATT PITZER, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member PAT FOWLER, Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, and Council Member NICK FOSTER were present. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, Assistant City Counselor Merilee Crockett, City Clerk Sheela Amin, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2023 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 Lovelady.

SPECIAL ITEM

SI2-23 Check presentation from the Missouri Valley section of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for the construction of the A. Perry Philips Park tennis courts.

Mary Buschmann, the Executive Director of the Missouri Valley section of the USTA, spoke and presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 to Columbia Parks and Recreation.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Hinnant, Amanda, 2417 Beachview Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire March 1, 2026

Villamil, Astrid, 1020 Lakeside Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire March 1, 2026

Yoakum, Stephanie, 803 Hirth Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2026

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION BOARD

Rigdon, Jennifer, 1101 N. Eighth Street, Ward 1, Term to expire December 1, 2023

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Nguyen, Michael, 308 S. Ninth Street, Ward 1, Term to expire December 31, 2025

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Jackson, Donald, 1407 N. Azalea Street, Ward 6, Term to expire March 1, 2026

Jacobs, Gabi, 413 Alexander Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2026

Maune, Gretchen, 209 Saint Joseph Street, Apt. B, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION COUNCIL OF BOONE COUNTY

Larkin, Dean, 1400 Jean Rae Drive, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2025

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC10-23 Scott Saligman - Springtime and Planting of Flowers in Public Parks and Right of Way to Make Our City Beautiful.

Scott Saligman did not speak.

SPC11-23 Christopher Dignan - Columbia Police Review Board.

Christopher Dignan withdrew his request to speak.

SPC12-23 Don Waterman - Community Support for First Responders.

Don Waterman spoke.

SPC13-23 Adam Thorp - Cuts to Bus Routes.

Adam Thorp, the Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Commission, spoke.

SPC14-23 Julie Ryan, COMO Safe Water Coalition - Columbia's Water and Utility Infrastructure - Lack of Outreach and Consideration of Public Input.

Julie Ryan spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH5-23 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.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and he and Engineering and Operations Manager Richard Stone responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Audrey Spieler, 1018 Danforth Drive, spoke.

Jim Muench, 2711 Mallard Court, spoke.

Katherine King spoke.

Tom Verdote, 2404 Meadow Lark Lane, spoke and provided a handout.

Chris Pieper indicated he resided near the corner of Shepard Boulevard and Danforth Drive and spoke.

Jeremy Johnson, 1300 Teal Drive, spoke.

Jane Dozier, 1001 Falcon Drive, spoke.

Cherri Baysinger, 2404 Meadow Lark Lane, spoke.

Sarah Humfeld, 2306 Bluff Boulevard, spoke.

Mark Warmack, 1013 Falcon Drive, spoke.

Sherry Wyatt, 1002 Danforth Drive, indicated she was the Chair of the Shepard Neighborhood Association, and spoke as the Chair of the Association and on behalf of herself.

Donald Jackson, 1407 N. Azalea Drive, 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 Audubon Drive between Stadium Boulevard and Shepard Boulevard, and on Shepard Boulevard between Old 63 South and Audubon Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Pitzer, Council Member Peters, Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Fowler, Council Member Waner, Council Member Lovelady, and Council Member Foster voting yes.

PH6-23 Proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Alan Lane, McKee Street, Oriole Lane, and Boyd Lane.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Robin Studer, 1719 Boyd Lane, spoke.

Paul Studer spoke.

Troy Reddick, 4315 Alan Lane, spoke.

Fred Bowman, 4401 Oriole Lane, spoke.

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

The Council asked questions.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to proceed with the final design for the proposed construction of the storm water improvements on Alan Lane, McKee Street, Oriole Lane and Boyd Lane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

B25-23 Rezoning property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road and approximately 500 feet north of Blue Ridge Road (3612 Oakland Gravel Road) from District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) to District R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling).

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report.

Tim Crockett of Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B25-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. 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.

- B26-23** Approving the Final Plat for “MFL Golf, Plat No. 1” located at the eastern terminus of Van Horn Tavern Road; authorizing a performance contract; authorizing a development agreement to establish public infrastructure obligations; directing the City Clerk to have the development agreement recorded.
- B27-23** Vacating electric, sanitary sewer and utility easements on Lot 2 within Conley Marketplace located northwest of the intersection of Conley Road and East Business Loop 70; directing the City Clerk to record the ordinance; accepting a conveyance for underground electric purposes; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.
- B28-23** Accepting conveyances for sewer, and temporary access and construction purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B29-23** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Commission on Cultural Affairs.
- B30-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by transferring funds in the Public Health and Human Services Department to offset the increased costs associated with the purchase of a health services vehicle.
- B31-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds in the Public Health and Human Services Department associated with COVID-19 response activities.
- R20-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Sexton Road, between Garth Avenue and Mary Street.
- R21-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a slope stabilization project along a portion of Maguire Boulevard between the North and South Forks of the Grindstone Bridge to include benching the rock outcrop and reconstructing sidewalks.
- R22-23** Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER); establishing a comment period.
- R23-23** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Mall L.L.C. for the 2023 “Tons of Trucks” event.
- R24-23** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with Ragtag Film Society for the 2023 True/False Film Fest.
- R25-23** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with National Middle School Basketball Association, LLC for the 2023 Missouri State Basketball Championship event.
- R26-23** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Trekk Design Group, LLC for sanitary sewer flow monitoring for calibration of the sewer hydraulic model and to establish rainfall derived inflow and infiltration impacts.
- R27-23** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. for design of a bridge associated with the Perche Creek Trail - Phase I capital improvement project.
- R28-23** Authorizing CDBG grant agreements with Central Missouri Community Action, Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Job Point, and Independent Living Center of Mid-Missouri, Inc. (d/b/a Services for Independent Living).
- R29-23** Authorizing a community housing development organization (CHDO) agreement with Central Missouri Community Action to transfer title to City-owned properties located at 210 Hickman Avenue and 212 Hickman Avenue to facilitate the construction of two (2) owner-occupied single family housing units and providing homeownership assistance.
- R30-23** Authorizing application for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for replacement of Bridges #2 and #9 on the MKT Trail.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions read by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

R31-23 Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant to study the I-70 Business Loop corridor between Stadium Boulevard and Eastland Circle.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report.

The Council made comments.

R31-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B32-23** Rezoning property located on the north side of Brown School Road and across from Nathaniel Drive from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor); rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Roger I. Wilson Memorial Drive and Brown School Road from District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor) to District IG (Industrial).
- B33-23** Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Balboa Lane and Sieville Avenue (3416 and 3418 Balboa Lane and 202 Sieville Avenue) from District R-MF (Multi-Family Dwelling) to District PD (Planned Development); approving a statement of intent; approving the PD Plan of "Rockbridge Condominiums"; setting forth a condition for approval.
- B34-23** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Nicole and Josh Jacomb to allow for the construction of an attached accessory dwelling unit on property located at 506 S. Garth Avenue in an R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) zoning district.
- B35-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Hanover Plaza Plat 6-B" located at the eastern terminus of Flanders Court and north of Clark Lane; authorizing a performance contract.
- B36-23** Authorizing construction of storm water improvements on Capri Drive; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing construction of the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B37-23** Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sewer pretreatment regulations.
- B38-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget to re-appropriate funds for FY 2022 projects that remain incomplete or ongoing.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP6-23 Board of Equalization City Representative Appointments.

Council Member Pitzer was asked to continue to serve as the City's representative to the Board of Equalization for the upcoming year even after his term as council member expired along with Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald, and Council Member Pitzer agreed.

REP9-23 Country Club Drive Right-of-Way Vacation.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and the Council asked questions. Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to prepare a vacation ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP10-23 Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission relating to the 2023 National ADA Symposium.

The Council asked questions and discussed this item.

REP11-23 Administrative Public Improvement Project: Bus Shelters.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and the Council asked questions and made comments.

REP12-23 Administrative Public Improvement Project: Construction of a Pedestrian Island at the Ash Street Mid-Block Crosswalk between 5th Street and 6th Street.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and the Council asked questions.

REP13-23 Progress Report on Show Me the Heat, an Urban Heat Mapping and Mitigation Project.

Sustainability Manager Eric Hempel provided a staff report, and the Council made comments

REP14-23 Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and the Council asked questions and made comments.

REP15-23 Amendment to the FY 2023 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Finance Director Matthew Lue offered to answer questions, and the Council did not have any questions.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke about the complexity of the ARPA request for proposals (RFPs) and the need to make it simpler for newer non-profits and businesses.

Missy Connell indicated she was an owner and operator of a business for over 21 years in the Third Ward and spoke regarding FUSUS.

Rebecca Shaw indicated she was representing CoMo for Progress and spoke about the things she had learned from a presentation she had attended called *Beyond Bullets, the Intersection of Gun Violence and Healthcare* held by University of Missouri School of Medicine along with the Bullet Related Injury Clinic (BRIC) in St. Louis and the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at Mass General in Boston.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the BRIC, the Black Business Expo that had recently been held by Columbia College, the Show-Me Fashion event, a walkable art fashion show, which would be held on Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the Orr Street Studios, the fact March 8 was the last day to register to vote, congratulations to staff for being awarded the Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, the recent Citizens Police Review Board training meetings and the desire of Council for that Board to complete their annual report which would include a review of the complaints from the prior year, the fact there were two vacancies on the CPRB and potential dates for applicant interviews, and FUSUS.

Council Member Foster made a motion for the City Manager to bring back an ordinance to reconsider FUSUS software purchase with legal protections for the City's residents in the use of the FUSUS software system, and indicated that such ordinance should include explicit reference to the protections of any and all First Amendment rights as well as protections that ensure non-discrimination in its use, including but not limited to race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability or other classification(s) protected by law, and provide for an effective and reviewable written policy controlling the system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council and staff continued its discussion on various topics to include the recent notice of violation received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources with regard to the failure of the City to conduct some required monitoring for lead and copper in the drinking water, the transfer of funds associated with a damaged water main supplying the water plant, whether regular maintenance and testing was done on those types of pipes, and the impact of operations by this water main failure.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk