

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
APRIL 3, 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 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 PAT FOWLER, Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member MATT PITZER, Council Member BETSY PETERS, and Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE 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 meeting of March 20, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waner.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2022 and February 21, 2022 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Lovelady.

**APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to remove B46-23 from the agenda as had been requested by the applicant and staff. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The amended 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**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC25-23** Anita Dick - Sustainability in a Mid-Western Community: Curbing Waste for a Better Future.

Anita Dick did not speak.

**SPC26-23** Sutu Forte - Fourth Annual Columbia Wild Nature Day.

Sutu Forte provided a handout and spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH12-23** Proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Nebraska Avenue.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell 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.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to proceed with the final design for the proposed improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Nebraska Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fowler and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH13-23** Proposed construction of sanitary sewer rehabilitation project #10 in the Bear Creek area.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and Assistant Utilities Director Erin Keys responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

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

The Council made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to proceed with the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project #10. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH14-23** Proposed construction of Phase II of the Sports Fieldhouse project located in A. Perry Philips Park to include four (4) hardwood courts for basketball, volleyball and pickleball, office space, restroom facilities, multipurpose room, seating area, parking lot, walkways, installation of exterior lighting, and the extension of Philips Farm Road.

**B59-23** Authorizing construction of Phase II of the Sports Fieldhouse project located in A. Perry Philips Park to include four (4) hardwood courts for basketball, volleyball and pickleball, office space, restroom facilities, multipurpose room, seating area, parking lot, walkways, installation of exterior lighting, and the extension of Philips Farm Road; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.

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, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Dean Berry, the founder of the Columbia Youth Basketball Association, spoke.

Jim Chapdelaine, a Columbia Youth Basketball Association Board Member and coach, spoke.

Brianna Alexander indicated she was a past employee and player and a current coach of the Columbia Youth Basketball Association and spoke.

Dave Fox, Executive Director of the Show-Me State Games, spoke.

Aly Wright, a coach and skater for CoMo Roller Derby, spoke.

Kat Wright, the Beginners Committee Chair of CoMo Roller Derby, spoke.

Doug Schwandt, President of the Show-Me Pickleball Club, spoke.

Steve Hollis, President of Sporting Columbia Soccer Club, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Kelsey Mescher, a Columbia native, spoke.

James Roark-Gruender spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

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

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Council Member Waner made a motion to table B59-23 to the May 1, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Buffaloe. After discussion, the motion was approved by voice vote with only Council Member Peters voting no.

## **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 fifth reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and he and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

Paul Steeno, a First Ward resident, spoke.

Tom Trabue, 3530 S. Old Ridge Road, spoke on behalf of the Board of Realtors.

Lily White, the Vice President of External Affairs for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Kate Graham, a Fifth Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Council Member Foster made a motion to amend B300-22 per the amendment sheet titled Amendment #1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pitzer and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Foster made a motion to amend B300-22 per the amendment sheet titled Amendment #2. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pitzer and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Foster made a motion to amend B300-22 per the amendment sheet titled Amendment #3. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pitzer and approved by voice vote with only Council Member Fowler, Council Member Waner, and Council Member Lovelady voting no.

Council Member Foster made a motion to amend B300-22 per the amendment sheet titled Amendment #4. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pitzer and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B300-22, as amended, was given sixth reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B46-23** Accepting a conveyance for street purposes; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.

This item was removed from the agenda during the approval and adjustment of the agenda.

**B47-23** Accepting a conveyance for sewer purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

The bill was given third reading by the City Clerk.

Mayor Buffaloe understood the applicant and staff were asking for the sewer conveyance be removed from this item so it did not move forward as it was related to the street easement associated with B46-23 which had been removed from the agenda.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend B47-23 by removing Section 1, renumbering the remaining sections, and changing the title so it did not refer to the conveyance for sewer purposes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B47-23, as amended, was given fourth reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B56-23** Authorizing an agreement with D Who Land, LLC relating to an amendment to an annexation agreement with James F. Harasha and Rita F. Harasha for property located south of the intersection of Richland Road and Trade Winds Parkway (8100 and 8104 E. Richland Road); directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. Keenan Simon, the civil engineer with offices at 210 Park Avenue that was helping the developer with this project, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B56-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS (Council Member Peters stepped out during the vote on this item). Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PR48-23** Establishing a revised City of Columbia Investment Policy.

**B57-23** Authorizing 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; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

**B58-23** Accepting conveyances for sidewalk purposes; directing the City Clerk to have the conveyances recorded.

**B60-23** Authorizing a first amendment to the intergovernmental cooperative agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of the MU Institute for Public Policy, for social and economic data collection, analysis and representation services relating to the Boone Indicators Dashboard program.

**B61-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the participation agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for state investment in local public health services.

**B62-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the disease intervention specialist workforce program.

**B63-23** Authorizing a cost share request agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for a downtown street tree inventory and to create a "tree trail" to engage citizens in the City's urban tree program.

**R49-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Russell Boulevard between Broadway and Rollins Road.

**R50-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed annexation of property located on the west side of Highway PP and north of Mexico Gravel Road.

**R51-23** Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.

**R52-23** Authorizing Adopt A Spot agreements.

**R53-23** Reappointing Jeremy A. Turner as an associate municipal judge.

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

NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS (Council Member Peters stepped out during the vote on this item). Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

## NEW BUSINESS

**R54-23** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC Live, LLC for four (4) 2023 Summerfest Concert Series events to be held on Ninth Street, between Broadway and Walnut Street.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Sean Allmeyer, the Venue Director for the Blue Note and Rose Music Hall, spoke.

R54-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**R55-23** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with Rader Hospitality Company, L.L.C. for an outdoor concert on May 6, 2023 to be held on portions of Sixth Street and Seventh Street.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Amanda Willmeth, the COO of Rader Hospitality Management with offices at 119 S. Tenth Street, spoke.

The Council made asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend R55-23 by changing Attachment A, i.e., the special event operations agreement, so the closure of Seventh Street was limited from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

R55-23, as amended, was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS, BUFFALOE. 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.

**B64-23** Rezoning property located northeast of the US 63 and Route B (Paris Road) interchange (4150 Paris Road) from District A (Agriculture) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor).

**B65-23** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to SAP Holdings, LLC to allow a "travel trailer park" use on property located at 4150 Paris Road in an M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor) zoning district.

**B66-23** Vacating right-of-way on Lot 1 within Country Gardens - Block 2 located at the eastern terminus of Country Club Drive; directing the City Clerk to record the ordinance.

**B67-23** Authorizing a transportation enhancement funds program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to the construction of the St. Charles Road (Clark Lane to Demaret Drive) sidewalk project.

**B68-23** Authorizing construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Sexton Road, between Garth Avenue and Mary Street; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

**B69-23** Authorizing the acquisition of easements relating to the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Sexton Road, between Garth Avenue and Mary Street.

**B70-23** Authorizing a water line differential payment agreement with Legacy Land Development, L.L.C. for construction of a water main along Crabapple Lane serving Legacy Farms, Plat No. 1.

**B71-23** Authorizing a cost share request agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for the purchase of materials and equipment for two (2) arboretum projects at Stephens Lake Park.

**B72-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract agreement with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Healthy Families Missouri Home Visiting program; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B73-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget for second quarter appropriation of funds.

**B74-23** Authorizing an affordable housing funding agreement with Housing Authority of the City of Columbia and Park Avenue Housing Development Group, LP for the issuance of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to replace downtown public housing units on Park Avenue; approving certain documents; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B75-23** Amending Chapter 15 of the City Code as it relates to sessions of the municipal court.

## **REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

### **REP17-23** Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) - Annual Membership.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to reappoint James Roark-Gruender, Michele Batye, Karen Geotz, and Sara Huaco to the Business Loop Community Improvement District Board for terms beginning April 20, 2023 and ending April 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **REP18-23** FY23 Uncollectible Receivables.

Finance Director Matthew Lue and Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald responded to Council questions, and the Council discussed the issue.

## **COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

James Roark–Gruender thanked Council Member Fowler and Council Member Pitzer for their work on Council and spoke regarding roller derby facilities.

Stephanie Yoakum, a representative of CoMo Mobile Aid Collective, spoke regarding the homeless camp evictions, assistance that could be provided to the homeless, and police actions against the homeless.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about police actions against the homeless, issues affecting the homeless, success stories involving the homeless, Boone Electric utility increases, and a HUD investigation.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include referring Amendment #3 to B300-22 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for them to consider including all residential categories instead of limiting the visibility issue of menu boards to R-1 and R-2 zoning districts, which the Council agreed upon, sanctioned homeless camps, the need for informational report on Senate/House Bill related to camping, the need for a status report on the Youth Advisory Council due to quorum issues, the need to be attentive to all of the utilities, i.e., electric, water, trash, sewer, etc., and for related projects, such as the water treatment plant, to progress, the need to be careful with the administrative delay that was suggested for the central neighborhoods due to unintended consequences, the fact the City was in good shape financially, which would allow the Council to do some transformative work, and whether to interview Planning and Zoning Commission applicants.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk