

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
MAY 15, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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 NICK FOSTER, Council Member DONALD WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member NICK KNOTH, Council Member ANDREA WANER, and Council Member ROY LOVELADY were present. Deputy City Manager Mike Griggs, 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 May 1, 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 March 7, 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 noted Bill Weitkemper had asked that B101-23 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B101-23 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Waner and a second by Council Member Foster.

SPECIAL ITEM

None.

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 HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Hutton, Bob, 2252 Country Lane, Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2027

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Dolles, Cathy, 1224 E. Walnut Street, Apt. 102, Ward 1, Term to expire June 15, 2024

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ascani, Rikki, 11 Fourth Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire November 1, 2023

Walker, Julie, 606 Wildrose Place, Ward 3, Term to expire November 1, 2025

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Davis, Sue, 2209B Creasy Springs Road, Ward 2, Term to expire May 31, 2026

Steenbergen, Brendon, 1410 Overhill Road, Ward 4, Term to expire May 31, 2026

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Carroll, Valerie, 13 West Boulevard North, Ward 1, Term to expire May 31, 2027

Dunn, Zack, 5511 Hunley Court, Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2027

Ford, Matt, 3700 Monterey Drive, Suite K (Business), Ward 4, Term to expire May 31, 2027

City Clerk Sheela Amin explained the applicant for the Public Transit Advisory Commission had been appointed to the Disabilities Commission and that she believed the applicant did not want to be appointed to both commissions. The Council asked that the City Clerk confirm this and readvertise the position if that was in fact true.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Crumbliss, Emily, Ward 5, Term to expire June 1, 2026
Hinnant-Root, Helen, Ward 4, Term to expire June 1, 2024
Keithahn, Hazel, Boone County, Term to expire June 1, 2026

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC34-23 Traci Wilson-Kleekamp - Dear Mr. City Manager: Don't Just Talk, Communicate.
Traci Wilson-Kleekamp rescheduled her request to speak to the June 5 meeting.

SPC35-23 Christian Mark Chellis - Why Columbia Should Be a Container Deposit City as We Have a Plethora of Litter of Bottles, Cans and Everything in Between.
Christian Mark Chellis spoke.

SPC36-23 Mark Haim - Electric Rates And Climate Action: Addressing Rate Structure in the Context of the Climate Crisis.
Mark Haim indicated he was representing Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH20-23 Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Northland Drive between Blue Ridge Road and Parker Street.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.
Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.
Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.
Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.
Gregg Myers 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 authorize the installation of traffic calming devices on Northland Drive between Blue Ridge Road and Parker Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

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 bill was given fourth reading by the City Clerk.
Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.
Kevin Pistole indicated he was representing the Columbia Youth Basketball Association and spoke.
Aly Wright, a representative of CoMo Roller Derby, spoke.
James Gray, 1525 Affirmed Drive, spoke.
Barbara Giles, a 72 year resident of Columbia, spoke.
Christian Mark Chellis spoke.
The Council asked questions and made comments.
B59-23 was given fifth reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE.
Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B96-23 Rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Cedar Lake Drive and Santana Circle from District PD (Planned District) to District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.
Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report.
Jay Gebhardt, a civil engineer and land surveyor with A Civil Group, spoke.
Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.
The Council asked questions.
B96-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE.
Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B101-23 Authorizing construction of sanitary sewer rehabilitation project #10 in the Bear Creek area; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

B101-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY. 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.

B97-23 Authorizing contracts with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri for the provision of fire-suppression water services to Fire Station No. 11 located at 6909 Scott Boulevard.

B98-23 Accepting a conveyance for street purposes; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.

B99-23 Authorizing Columbia 2 MHP Land LLC, the owner of Park Village Mobile Home Park located at 4410 Brown Station Road, to resell water, sewer, storm water and solid waste services to tenants.

B100-23 Authorizing Columbia MHP Land LLC, the owner of Tiger Village Mobile Home Park, to resell water, sewer, storm water and solid waste services to tenants.

B102-23 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Sunset Lane Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #29 sanitary sewer improvement project.

B103-23 Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the repair of Gas Generator #3 and maintenance of Gas Generators #1 and #2 at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill.

B104-23 Accepting conveyances for sewer and water utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

B105-23 Authorizing an amendment to the cooperative agreement with The Board of Directors of Boone County Family Resources for additional funding for the Parks and Recreation Department's Career Awareness Related Experience (CARE) Program for youth employment placement and mentoring services.

B106-23 Repealing Division 9 within Article V of Chapter 2 of the City Code, which established the Columbia Vision Commission.

R74-23 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Grindstone Parkway between Hyde Park Avenue and Norfleet Drive.

R75-23 Setting a public hearing: proposed annexation of property located on the south side of Richland Road and west of Olivet Road.

R76-23 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-258 of the City Code to allow amplified sound exceeding a distance of 100 feet from The Club at Old Hawthorne located at 6221 E. Broadway on June 5, 2023 for the MFA Annual Charity Golf Tournament event.

R77-23 Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program.

R78-23 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Black & Veatch Corporation for the design of new Alluvial Wells 1A and 10A to serve the McBaine Water Treatment Plant.

R79-23 Authorizing a first amendment to the professional engineering services agreement with Barr Engineering Company for design services relating to the Nebraska Avenue storm water improvement project.

R80-23 Authorizing an agreement with Ozinga Cement, Inc. for use of the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) side track and transload facility.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R81-23 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Black & Veatch Corporation relating to compliance deliverables required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. R81-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R82-23 Designating the Grants Administrator as the City’s authorized representative to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a State Revolving Fund Program loan under the Missouri Clean Water Law for a lead service line inventory.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk. Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. R82-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY. 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.

- B107-23** Approving the PD Plan of “Copperstone Corner” located on the southeast corner of Vawter School Road and Scott Boulevard; approving a statement of intent; requiring a development agreement be executed and delivered by the property owner before issuance of any land disturbance or building permits; authorizing the City Manager to execute a development agreement; directing the City Clerk to have the development agreement recorded.
- B108-23** Rezoning property located on east side of Woodland Springs Court and the south side of Clark Lane (1110 Woodland Springs Court) from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor).
- B109-23** Approving the Final Plat of “The Highlands, Plat No. 12AA” located at the southern terminus of Castle Bay Place; authorizing a performance contract.
- B110-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Corporate Lake Plat 16” located at the northeast corner of North Cedar Lake Drive and John Garry Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B111-23** Repealing Ordinance No. 024965 which authorized the acquisition of property for the construction of Fire Station No. 10 to be located north of and west of St. Charles Road, at the bend with the intersection of E. Richland Road.
- B112-23** Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Nebraska Avenue storm water improvement project.
- B113-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for maternal child health services.
- B114-23** Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2023 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me STATE GAMES.
- B115-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of a Quint 10 fire truck for Fire Station No. 10.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP27-23 GoCOMO Update and Route Combining.
Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report. The Council asked questions and discussed the issue.

REP28-23 Update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning provided a staff report. The Council asked questions and discussed the issue.

REP29-23 Update on Homelessness.
Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning provided a staff report. The Council asked questions and discussed the issue.

REP30-23 Monthly Finance Report.
Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Jack Meinzenbach, a resident of the Old Hawthorne community, spoke regarding excessive LED lights in that area and the need to shut them off.

Michael MacMann spoke as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding lighting issues/complaints in the community.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke about the temperature in City Hall in terms of addressing the climate emergency, the need for the ARPA applications to be open records, and the response associated with an incident where a man took his own life at the Fifth and Walnut parking garage this past weekend.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, suggested the licenses of the two officers who would soon no longer be continuing their service with the City be revoked so they could not move to another police force and spoke about an incident whereby an unsheltered individual was being harassed by two police officers, which she did not feel should happen.

Sarah Johnson, a downtown business owner, spoke regarding the issues of homelessness, the amount of money being spent on the issue, which she felt was not enough, the point in time count, which she felt underrepresented the number of unsheltered people, and the need for shelters.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about police use of TASERS and the need for training.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends, and spoke regarding the need to review and refine the use of force policy utilized by the Police Department along with the need for appropriate de-escalation training.

Andrew Hutchinson, 510 Spencer Avenue, indicated he was speaking as the Local 955 Union Representative, provided a handout, and spoke about the need for radical change in the way employees are treated in order to improve the recruitment and retention of employees and the fact Local 955 would petition the State Board of Mediation to allow them to represent two scale house operator employees since City staff did not allow for this to happen voluntarily.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the process that took place involving the Parks and Recreation staff and the CoMo Roller Derby representatives in terms of them talking to one another to try to address issues, the fact the Citizens Police Review Board members have the support of the Council in terms of moving forward with policy reviews and for them to reach out to the Council if they have needs the Council can accommodate, an example of a positive interaction the police had with the homeless along with the de-escalation techniques utilized in that situation, and the ARPA process in terms of providing for some transparency.

Council Member Knoth made a motion to release the name of the applicant organization, the amount of the request, the status of the request, and the category of the request for all 90-plus applicants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner after some clarification questions and comments. After further discussion, the motion was approved by roll call vote with Council Member Foster, Council Member Waterman, Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Knoth, Council Member Waner, and Council Member Lovelady voting yes, and Council Member Peters voting no.

The Council and staff continued to discuss various topics to include a report regarding the tools the City currently had to address nuisance businesses, the potential exploration of a nuisance ordinance for businesses with a focus on reoccurring violent crimes at specific locations similar to the Kansas City ordinance, the fact Council Member Waner was dealing with a medical issue, the need for crime intervention and prevention programs, the need for a Juneteenth Committee for better coordination in 2024 celebrations, and the appointment of an Acting Mayor Pro Tem for the June 5, 2023 Council Meeting.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for Nick Foster to serve as the Acting Mayor Pro Tem in the event the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem were both unavailable to lead the June 5, 2023 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council and staff continued to discuss various topics to include Council Member Knoth being the council member representative at the Vacant Property Leadership Institute being held November 7-10 in Austin, Texas, funding for the Citizens Police Review Board members to attend the NACOLE Conference for FY 2024, the fact it had been a rough week for the community, and confirmation that the officers involved in the incident last week would no longer be employed by the City as of Friday, May 19.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk