

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
JUNE 5, 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 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 DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Council Member NICK KNOTH, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, and Council Member NICK FOSTER were present. Mayor BARBARA BUFFALO was absent. 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 May 15, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Foster and a second by Council Member Waterman.

The minutes of the regular meetings of March 21, 2022, April 4, 2022, and April 18, 2022, and the minutes of the special meeting of April 18, 2022 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Foster and a second by Council Member Peters.

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

Council Member Foster asked that R92-23 and R93-23 be moved from the consent agenda to new business.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with R92-23 and R93-23 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Peters and a second by Council Member Waterman.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC34-23** Traci Wilson-Kleekamp - Dear Mr. City Manager: Don't Just Talk, Communicate.  
Traci Wilson-Kleekamp provided a handout and spoke.

**SPC37-23** Rose Metro - Gun Violence Prevention.  
Rose Metro withdrew her request to speak.

**SPC38-23** Donald Weaver - Support for Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Officers.  
Donald Weaver indicated he was representing the Columbia Police Officers Association and spoke.

**SPC39-23** Tanya Heath - Ideas on How Citizens of Columbia Can Help in Keeping Columbia Safe.  
Tanya Heath, a Fourth Ward resident, provided a handout and spoke.

**SPC40-23** Sutu Forte - Why Wild Nature Matters.  
Sutu Forte provided a handout and spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH21-23** Proposed construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalk at the intersection of Route K and Old Plank Road.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner opened the public hearing.

Jackie Sample, a Third Ward resident and the Chair of the Disabilities Commission, spoke.

Walker Kesterson, a resident of Ashland, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.  
Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.  
Elton Fay indicated he was representing Zumwalt Properties, LLC and spoke.  
Laticia Pulley indicated she lived off of Creasy Springs Road and spoke.  
Sarah Johnson, 110 N. Tenth Street, spoke.  
There being no further comment, Mayor Pro Tem Waner closed the public hearing.  
The Council asked questions and made comments.  
Mayor Pro Tem Waner made a motion to authorize the construction of the Route K and Old Plank Road roundabout project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH22-23** Proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Ross Street and William Street.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.  
Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report.  
Mayor Pro Tem Waner opened the public hearing.  
There being no comment, Mayor Pro Tem Waner closed the public hearing.  
The Council made comments.  
Council Member Peters made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the final design for the proposed replacement and improvement of storm drainage infrastructure on Ross Street and William Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH23-23** Proposed annexation of property located on the south side of Richland Road and west of Olivet Road.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.  
Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.  
Mayor Pro Tem Waner opened the public hearing.  
Tim Crockett, an engineer with Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, spoke.  
There being no further comment, Mayor Pro Tem Waner closed the public hearing.  
The Council made comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**B50-23** Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations to utilize a Police Department - Criminal Investigations Division detective for a part-time task force officer assignment within the Department of Homeland Security Investigations; authorizing a memorandum of understanding with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, Special Agent in Charge Kansas City for reimbursement of joint operations expenses from the treasury forfeiture fund.

The bill was given fourth reading by the City Clerk.  
Police Chief Geoff Jones provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.  
Anthony Willroth indicated he was with Hold CoMo Accountable and a downtown business owner, and spoke.  
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.  
The Council asked questions.  
B50-23 was given fifth reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.  
Fire Chief Clayton Farr, Jr., provided a staff report.  
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.  
The Council made comments.  
B115-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 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.
- R83-23** Setting a public hearing: consider approval of enhancement design elements associated with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commissions’ Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 connector reconfiguration project.
- R84-23** Authorizing application to the Missouri Department of Transportation for state funding from the Regional Bridge Program for replacement of the park access road bridge over Flat Branch creek.
- R85-23** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into hold harmless agreements for the use of structures intended for demolition for Fire Department training exercises and approving the form of such agreements.
- R86-23** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with The Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2023 Boone County Fair event on City-owned property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road, generally northeast of the Brown School Road and Highway 63 interchange (5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road).
- R87-23** Authorizing an agreement with Children’s Grove for the donation of a sculpture to be displayed in Stephens Lake Park.
- R88-23** Authorizing a facility usage agreement with United Parcel Service, Inc. for the use of a portion of an existing gravel parking lot located in the Northeast Regional Park for the storage of UPS trailers.
- R89-23** Authorizing a master equipment lease purchase agreement with Community First National Bank for automated side loader refuse trucks.
- R90-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of “Quail Creek West Plat 8” located on the southwest corner of Smith Drive and Louisville Drive.
- R91-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of “Corriente Village” located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road and north of Blue Ridge Road.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**R92-23** Providing for salary adjustments for eligible employees and establishing an implementation date; granting a waiver from the requirements of Section 19-85 of the City Code to provide for salary adjustments for employees that exceeds the maximum salary ranges established in the FY 2023 Classification and Pay Plan.

**R93-23** Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the Water and Light Association to provide for FY 2023 and FY 2024 salary adjustments for eligible employees.

The resolutions were read by the City Clerk.

Human Resources Director Kathy Baker provided a staff report, and she and Finance Director Matthew Lue responded to Council questions.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner and the lead organizer of Hold CoMo Accountable, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council made comments.

R92-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE.

Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R93-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE.

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.

**B116-23** Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Richland Road and west of Olivet Road; establishing permanent District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) and District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood) zoning.

**B117-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Richland Estates" located on the south side of Richland Road and west of Olivet Road; authorizing a development agreement with Richland Olivet Farm, LLC, Charlotte M. Frazier, and Melissa L. Ussery; directing the City Clerk to record the development agreement.

**B118-23** Rezoning property located on the south side of New Haven Road and east of Lenoir Street (3300 New Haven Road) from District R-MF (Multi-Family Dwelling) and District M-OF (Mixed-Use Office) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor) and District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).

**B119-23** Rezoning property located at the western terminus of Westwinds Drive (1605 and 1607 Westwinds Drive) from District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) to District A (Agriculture).

**B120-23** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Sonya Andreassen-Henderson to allow for the construction of second primary residence on property located at 1605 and 1607 Westwinds Drive in an A (Agriculture) zoning district.

**B121-23** Granting a waiver and design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Hidden Haven Plat 1 for sidewalk construction along a portion of the north side of Stadium Boulevard/Highway 740.

**B122-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Hidden Haven Plat 1" located northwest of the western terminus of Westwinds Drive and east of College Park Drive (1605 and 1607 Westwinds Drive); authorizing a performance contract.

**B123-23** Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Providence Road and Veterans United Drive from District M-OF (Mixed-Use Office) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor).

**B124-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Spring Brook" located on the southeast corner of Providence Road and Veterans United Drive; authorizing a development agreement; directing the City Clerk to record the development agreement.

**B125-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Rockbridge Condominiums Plat 1" located on the southeast corner of Balboa Lane and Sieville Avenue; authorizing a performance contract.

**B126-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Bluff Creek Recreational Park, Plat No. 1" located on the east side of Chinaberry Drive and north of Old Highway 63; authorizing a performance contract.

**B127-23** Authorizing a right of use permit for transit system purposes with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the installation and maintenance of a bus shelter on Tiger Avenue; directing the City Clerk to have the right of use permit recorded.

**B128-23** Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for integrated shuttle bus service on campus for the 2023-24 academic year.

**B129-23** Accepting a conveyance for sidewalk purposes; directing the City Clerk to have the conveyance recorded.

**B130-23** Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to electric utility rates.

**B131-23** Declaring real property owned by the City of Columbia located at 912 E. Walnut Street to be in excess and surplus to the needs of the City; authorizing the sale of the property by competitive bid process.

**B132-23** Accepting conveyances for sewer, drainage, electric utility, and water utility purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

- B133-23** Accepting a conveyance for scenic conservation bikeway/walkway purposes; directing the City Clerk to have the conveyance recorded.
- B134-23** Authorizing a grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development associated with the Missouri ARPA Community Revitalization Grant Program for the Douglass Park improvement project; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B135-23** Authorizing a grant agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development associated with the Missouri ARPA Community Revitalization Grant Program to be utilized for the proposed development of the Orr Street Park property; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B136-23** Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Columbia Financial Enterprise Resource System (COFERS) project to cancel and remove the Munis General Ledger API Toolkit and add the Accounts Receivable API Toolkit, EnerGov Decision Engine, and Assets and Inventory Mobile modules; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B137-23** Amending Ordinance No. 025333 to correct a scrivener's error as it relates to Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by adding positions in the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the FY 2023 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary.
- B138-23** Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Corrections to provide tuberculosis screening and testing services.
- B139-23** Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for workforce services; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Department of Public Health and Human Services; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary; amending the FY 2023 Classification and Pay plan by adding, closing, and reassigning classifications.
- B140-23** Approving and ratifying a contract for the sale of real estate with The Gathering, Inc. for the purchase of property located on the southeast corner of Broadway (Route WW) and El Chaparral Avenue (1020 S. El Chaparral); amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B141-23** Authorizing a subaward agreement with Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission for the purchase of hazmat detection equipment for the Fire Department.

**REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

**REP31-23** Short-Term Rental Regulations Update.  
Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report. The Council asked questions and discussed the issue.

**REP32-23** Disabilities Commission - CoMo Accessibility Plan.  
Jackie Sample, the Chair of the Disabilities Commission, provided a report and the Council made comments.

**REP33-23** Citizens Police Review Board 2022 Annual Report.  
City Counselor Nancy Thompson explained this report was for informational purposes and the Council made comments.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner and a representative of Hold CoMo Accountable, spoke about the traffic stop disparity numbers, the hiring process of a new police chief, and concerns with the use of force presentation made by Don Weaver who was with the Columbia Police Officers Association.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke about her disappointment with the comments of Don Weaver and Tanya Heath earlier this evening and the traffic stop disparity numbers.

Cynthia Jefferson spoke regarding plans for the projected build out of Columbia and Boone County in terms of businesses and houses and the lack of representation on boards and commissions.

Reba Newman, 4800 Morrell Drive, spoke regarding her continued issue with a fence at the back of her property preventing her access to her property along with the lack of staff response on the issue. The Council asked questions and City Manager Seewood responded.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about the homeless, homeless services, ARPA funds, and the need for better acoustics in the lobby.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke regarding the handout she provided to the Council earlier this evening, which included portions of an article from the New York Times titled *Why Poverty Persists in America* by Matthew Desmond and the history of Juneteenth.

Susan Renee Carter indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends, provided a handout, and spoke about the comments made by the attorney for the Columbia Police Officers Association, Don Weaver, during a use of force presentation.

James Gray, 1525 Affirmed Drive, spoke regarding crime, community violence, the deaths of young people in the community, and the need to allow young people to tell the community what they need.

Demetria Stephens, a Third Ward resident, spoke regarding the need to address community violence, the biases within the local judicial system, and the need to invest in mental health, housing, the police department, and the school system.

Karen Sicheneder, a Second Ward resident and a representative of the Missouri Democratic Party, spoke about the shootings that were happening in town and the role the State Legislature was playing in that overall narrative.

Sarah Johnson, 110 N. Tenth Street, spoke about the comment in the annual report of the Citizens Police Review Board regarding Council support for an oversight model.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include officers feeling the need to resign as a result of the incident at Harpo's due to concerns regarding support by City leadership, the need to address community violence and crime, potentially with active policing, the need to focus on the core functions of the City, which included public transit, waste and recycling pick-up, and public safety, through staffing and the work environment, the announcement of the retirement of Police Chief Geoff Jones and thanking him for his many years of service, the upcoming Juneteenth events in which citizens could participate, the need to address the traffic stop disparities, and the sharing of the list of cooling centers throughout the community along with the fact utility assistance was available through the Public Health and Human Services Department for those in need of those types of services.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk