

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

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 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 BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member NICK KNOTH, Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, and Council Member DON WATERMAN 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 June 5, 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 May 2, 2022 and May 16, 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 Lovelady.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**SI5-23**      Recognition of Civic Academy Graduates.

Mayor Buffaloe and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood recognized the graduates of Columbia's second Civic Academy. The graduates in attendance were Blake Willoughby, Jade Poe, Susan Renee Carter, Grace Kroll, Ashley Brent, Linda Dougherty, Jerry Dougherty, Ken Reeves, Gregg Bush, Ruth Milledge, and Larry McCoig.

**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 AND BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

Kelly, Jacqueline, 2700 Chapel Wood Terrace, Ward 4, Term to expire June 30, 2026

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Froidl, Molly, 3204 Crestwood Lane, Ward 5, Term to expire October 31, 2024

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Asher, Jonathan, 313 N. William Street, Ward 3, Term to expire June 15, 2026

Bowders, John, 1342 Overhill Road, Ward 4, Term to expire June 15, 2026

Fields, Hazel, 1304 Pearl Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire June 15, 2026

Powell, Renee, 905 Pannell Street, Ward 1, Term to expire June 15, 2026

The Council asked that the Public Transit Advisory Commission vacancy be readvertised.

WATER AND LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD

Jensen, Thomas, 2416 Wild Oak Court, Ward 6, Term to expire June 30, 2027

Switzer, David, 912 Hulen Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire June 30, 2027

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to change the Youth Advisory Council term for Kristen Yu from ending in 2025 to ending in 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

## YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Diaz-Torres, Paola, Ward 5, Term to expire June 1, 2026

White, Sophia, Ward 3, Term to expire June 1, 2026

Yu, John, Ward 5, Term to expire June 1, 2026

Mayor Buffaloe asked Council Member Lovelady if he was agreeable to continuing to serve as the Council liaison to the Youth Advisory Council. Council Member Lovelady indicated he would like to continue to serve. Mayor Buffaloe asked if there was any objection, and no one objected.

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC41-23** Randy Minchew - Support of the Columbia Police Department and Desire to See the City Council Support Them As Well.

Randy Minchew spoke.

**SPC42-23** Christopher Dignan - Corruption within the Police Force and Boone County Sheriff's Department.

Christopher Dignan withdrew his request to speak.

**SPC43-23** Bill Easley - Garbage and Bus Transportation.

Bill Easley spoke.

**SPC44-23** December Harmon - An Ode to the Mayor: A Recap of Our Year Together.

December Harmon spoke.

**SPC45-23** Richard (Dick) Parker - Columbia Needs to Push Hard to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Production.

Dick Parker, 215 W. Sexton Road, spoke.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH24-23** Proposed construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Grindstone Parkway between Hyde Park Avenue and Norfleet Drive.

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.

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

The Council made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to approve the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Grindstone Parkway between Hyde Park Avenue and Norfleet Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH25-23** Consider approval of enhancement design elements associated with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commissions' Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 connector reconfiguration project.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech and Laurel Harrington, a consultant with the Lochmueller Group, provided the staff report, and they both responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Sarah Chinniah, the Vice Chancellor for Business Operations and Strategic Initiatives at the University of Missouri, indicated she was representing the University and spoke.

Carol Elliot indicated she was representing the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission and spoke.

Matt McCormick, 300 S. Providence Road, indicated he was the President of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and spoke.

Matt Wright, a First Ward resident and Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Commission, indicated he was representing the Commission and spoke.

Carolyn Amparan indicated she was representing the Sierra Club of Mid-Missouri and spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Dan Oesch, the Central District Design Build Project Director for MoDOT, 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 Interstate 70/Highway 63 Interchange enhancement design concepts in MoDOT's design-build process for connector reconfiguration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**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.

The bills were given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. Tim Crockett, an engineer with Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

Donna Kessell, 715 Lyon Street, spoke.

Jack Meinzenbach, a resident of the Old Hawthorne neighborhood, spoke.

The Council asked questions.

B116-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, KNOTH, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: BUFFALOE, WANER, LOVELADY. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B117-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, KNOTH, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: BUFFALOE, WANER, LOVELADY. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**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).

**R101-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "South Rock Subdivision" located on the south side of New Haven Road and east of Lenoir Street.

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

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Caleb Colbert, an attorney representing the applicant with offices at 827 E. Broadway, spoke and responded to Council questions.

Jay Gebhardt, a civil engineer and land surveyor with A Civil Group, spoke.

Zach Osman, the MoDOT Project Manager for this interchange, spoke.

The Council made comments.

B118-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: WANER (Council Member Waner stepped out during the vote on this item). Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

R101-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: WANER (Council Member Waner stepped out during the vote on this item). Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

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

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell and Larry Feltner, a consultant with the Prime Group, provided the staff report, and they both responded to Council questions.

Jim Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, spoke.

Leanne Tippet Mosby, the Chair of the Climate and Environment Commission, spoke.

Mike Martin, 206 S. Glenwood Avenue, spoke.

Christine Doerr, 2510 Brookside Court, spoke.

Mark Haim, 1402 Richardson Street, indicated he was representing Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and spoke.

Carolyn Amparan indicated she was representing the Sierra Club and spoke.

David Switzer, 912 Hulen Drive, indicating he was representing himself even though he was a member of the Water and Light Advisory Board and spoke.

Tom O'Connor, 806 Leawood Terrace, spoke.

Alyce Turner, 1204 Fieldcrest, spoke.

Barbara Hoppe, 607 Bluff Dale Drive, stated she was representing the League of Women Voters of Columbia, Missouri, and spoke.

Tom Jensen, a Sixth Ward resident and Water and Light Advisory Board member, spoke.

Hank Ottinger, 511 Westwood Avenue, spoke.

Jay Hasheider, 1812 Cliff Drive, a former Utilities Department employee and a former member of the Integrated Electric Resource and Master Plan Task Force, spoke.

Peter Schneeberger, a Fourth Ward resident, spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

Chimene Schwach, the Director of Advocacy, Development, and Outreach for Services for Independent Living, spoke.

Dick Parker, 215 W. Sexton Road, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

John Conway, 4902 Thornbrook Ridge, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B130-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: WANER, LOVELADY. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.

The Council made comments.

B134-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, LOVELADY, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: WANER, FOSTER (Council Members Waner and Foster stepped out during the vote on this item). Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.

Ken Greene, a local business owner, spoke.

B135-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. 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.

**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.
- 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.
- 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.
- R94-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction and repair of sidewalks and replacement of curb ramps along portions of Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue.
- R95-23** Setting a public hearing: consider the Water and Light 2023 Renewable Energy Plan.
- R96-23** Authorizing staff to proceed with the preliminary design and expenditure of funds associated with the proposed construction of the Sunset Drive, Prospect Street and Crestland Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination Project (PCCE) #40; directing that a public hearing be held upon completion of the preliminary plans.
- R97-23** Approving the Final Plat of “Trade Winds Park, Plat No. 4,” a Replat of a portion of Lot 202 of Trade Winds Park, Plat No. 2B, in Boone County, Missouri located on the southwest corner of Richland Road and Trade Winds Parkway.
- R98-23** Authorizing the temporary closure of a sidewalk and parking lane, and vehicular lane shifting along a portion of Stewart Road between Fourth Street and Fifth Street to facilitate repairs to the University of Missouri power plant.
- R99-23** Authorizing an amendment to an agreement with LexisNexis VitalChek Network Inc. to provide the online application of birth and death certificates.
- R100-23** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with Rader Hospitality Company, L.L.C. for an outdoor concert on August 24, 2023 to be held on a portion of Sixth Street between Cherry Street and Locust Street.

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

- B142-23** Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to establish business license regulations for microbusiness marijuana facilities.
- B143-23** Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code to establish microbusiness marijuana regulations.
- B144-23** Amending Chapter 16 of the City Code to establish new regulations for the adult use of marijuana.
- B145-23** Authorizing a cost allocation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for construction and repair of sidewalks and replacement of curb ramps along portions of Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue.
- B146-23** Authorizing construction and repair of sidewalks and replacement of curb ramps along portions of Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B147-23** Accepting easements for temporary construction and sidewalk purposes related to the construction and repair of sidewalks and replacement of curb ramps along portions of Rollins Street, Burnam Avenue, Kentucky Boulevard, Curtis Avenue, Richmond Avenue, and Tiger Avenue; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B148-23** Authorizing an agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative for the provision of electric service to Fire Station No. 11 located at 6909 Scott Boulevard.
- B149-23** Authorizing replacement of a sanitary sewer under U.S. Highway 63 and south of I-70; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B150-23** Authorizing the acquisition of two (2) additional easements for construction of the Nebraska Avenue storm water improvement project.
- B151-23** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2023 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me STATE GAMES.
- B152-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 3 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.
- B153-23** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia School District No. 93 for teen outreach program services.
- B154-23** Authorizing a contract with Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. for Title X family planning services; authorizing Title X family planning services and business associate agreements with Lewis County, Missouri and Clark County, Missouri.
- B155-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget for third quarter appropriation of funds.

## **REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

**REP34-23** Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report. The Council made comments.

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

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner and a representative of Hold CoMo Accountable, spoke regarding policing issues.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke about policing issues and concerns for poor people.

Jim Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, spoke about the electric rates.

Susan Renee Carter indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends and spoke about the Citizens Police Review Board and the use of force policy.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding the electric rates, recycling, the issues associated with the homeless, and the City assisting Habitat for Humanity with CHDO funds to help with homeownership.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewing the definition of a non-conforming so a conforming lot could have 50 feet of frontage instead of 70 feet, thanking all involved for finding a site for Fire Station No. 10, the need for more effective communication due to the number of questions they had received regarding the electric rate proposal, additional recycling sites to include the location in the Third Ward considered previously, thanking those that participated in the Juneteenth celebrations along with the hopeful participation of the Police Department in the future at the Cosmo Park Juneteenth celebration for trust and relationship building, a community violence town hall being hosted by Council Member Lovelady at 17 N. Fourth Street on Monday, June 26 and the fact the Police Department did not intentionally hold a conflicting event as they had not been made aware of it, the comments made by December Harmon regarding police stops and the need for empathy for the experiences of black and brown people in the community, the fact this Council had to bear the burden of the actions or lack of actions of past Councils and for the need for grace to be extended to this Council as a result, the events being hosted by the Police Department later this week at the North and South Precincts, acknowledging the different experiences people have with the police, acknowledging the comments of Randy Minchew, the scheduling of a future work session with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding short-term rentals, the fact that review processes take time when police and other incidents occur and the need to respect the time needed for those processes, the need to proactively provide the community information, especially in situations where questions could be addressed in advance of council meetings even when that meant there would be a delay in action, and the process associated with the hiring of a new police chief.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk