

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

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 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 ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member NICK KNOTH, and Council Member ANDREA WANER 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 August 21, 2023 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 explained there had been a request by a constituent to move B203-23 from the consent agenda to old business.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B203-23 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waner.

SPECIAL ITEM

SI8-23 Citizen Life-Saving Award Presentation.

Fire Chief Clayton Farr, Jr. recognized Ashley McCarter, Ashley Walker, and the responding police officers and firefighters for their efforts in saving the life of Gloria Miller, and presented Ashley McCarter and Ashley Walker with the Distinguished Citizen Life-Saving Awards.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC53-23 Andrew Hutchinson, LiUNA Local 955 Union Representative - Paid Family Leave.

Andrew Hutchinson, 510 Spencer Avenue, indicated he was the union representative for the City workers union, Laborers' Local 955, and spoke.

SPC54-23 Darren Morton, Turning Point - Nature: Giving and Taking.

Darren Morton withdrew his request to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH28-23 FY 2024 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

B156-23 Adopting the FY 2024 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk, and the bill was given fourth reading by the City Clerk. Finance Director Matthew Lue and Budget Officer Andrea Greer provided a staff report, primarily with regard to the budget amendments, and they along with various staff members and others, including Lily White, Vice President of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, responded to Council questions. The Council also discussed the few amendments they had suggested.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Jeanne Locklear, 4400 Thornbrook Ridge, indicated she was a city employee and spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

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

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 1 through 38 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 39 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 40 through 42 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 43 and 44 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 45 and 46 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 47 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 48 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 49 and 50 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 51 through 54 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 55 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 56 through 58 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 59 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 60 and 61 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 62 and 63 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment numbers 64 through 66 on the staff budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 1 on the council budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 2 on the council budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 3 on the council budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving amendment number 4 on the council budget amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend the budget by approving an amendment of \$1.3 million for paid family leave, which they referred to as amendment number 5 on the council budget amendment sheet although it had not been included on that amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Buffaloe explained they would continue the discussion on the budget and would vote on the budget at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

PR125-23 Adopting amendments to the strategic plan priorities and goal statements contained within the City of Columbia, Missouri Strategic Plan.

The policy resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Community Relations Manager Stephanie Brown and Human Resources Director Kathy Baker provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend PR125-23 by adjusting the text within the Organizational Excellence priority in Exhibit A so the goal statement was "create and support an engaged workforce and organization that delivers an efficient, innovative, transparent and collaborative city government." The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PR125-23, as amended, was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Policy Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

B195-23 Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Manor Drive and Broadway from District R-1 (Single-Family Dwelling) to District PD (Planned Development); approving a statement of intent; approving the PD Planned Development of "Thomas Dental".

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

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

Jesse Stephens, an engineer with Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, indicated he was representing the applicant, Dr. Letrisha Thomas, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

Tom Wellman indicated he resided on the neighboring property and spoke.

Tom McNabb indicated he had offices at 104 Clinkscales Road and was the owner of the single-family house at the northwest corner of the intersection of Broadway and Clinkscales Road, and spoke.

The Council made comments.

B195-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B207-23 Authorizing a school resource officer program agreement with the Columbia Public School District.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Acting Police Chief Matt Stephens provided a staff report, and he, Assistant Police Chief Jill Schlude, and Sergeant Sean Dutton responded to Council questions.

Chriss Jones indicated she was representing Hold CoMo Accountable, provided a handout, and spoke.

Susan Renee Carter indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends, and spoke.

Helen Hinnant-Root indicated she was a student at Hickman High School and a member of the Youth Advisory Council, and spoke.

The Council made comments.

B207-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B203-23 Authorizing a memorandum of lease and lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC relating to the lease of City-owned property located at 1160 Cinnamon Hill Lane (Shepard Water Tower).

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

City Counselor Nancy Thompson provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

B203-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER. 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.

B196-23 Rezoning property located on the west side of Tenth Street and north of Park Avenue (307 N. Tenth Street) from District R-MF (Multi-Family Residential) to District M-OF (Mixed-Use Office).

- B197-23** Rezoning property located on the north side of Nifong Boulevard and east of State Farm Parkway (1215 E. Nifong Boulevard) from District A (Agriculture) to District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
- B198-23** Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Southampton Drive and Sinclair Road from District PD (Planned Development) to District R-MF (Multi-Family Residential).
- B199-23** Authorizing an annexation agreement with the Ron and Beth Chapman Trust U/T/A for property located on the north side of I-70 Drive Northwest and the west side of Chapman Lane (4441 I-70 Drive Northwest); directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded.
- B200-23** Authorizing construction of the Sunset Lane Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #29 sanitary sewer improvement project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B201-23** Authorizing the acquisition of easements for replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Ross Street and William Street.
- B202-23** Accepting conveyances for sewer purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B204-23** Authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for air service promotion; amending the FY 2023 annual budget by appropriating funds.
- B205-23** Authorizing a motor vehicle crash data license agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the purpose of analyzing data for safety projects.
- B206-23** Authorizing a consolidated grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for FY 2024 transportation planning purposes.
- R126-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of stormwater improvements on Calvert Drive, Sylvan Lane and Vandiver Drive, and proposed construction of sanitary sewer improvements on Calvert Drive.
- R127-23** Setting a public hearing: consider Amendment 2 to the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.
- R128-23** Setting a public hearing: consider Amendment 1 to the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.
- R129-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Trade Winds Park, Plat No. 5," a Replat of a portion of Lot 405 of Trade Winds Park, Plat No. 4, in Boone County, Missouri located on the west side of Trade Winds Parkway and north of Richland Road.
- R130-23** Expressing support for the Benton-Stephens Neighborhood Historic Survey - Phase I; authorizing submission of an FY 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program - National Register and Survey Grant Application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks.
- R131-23** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Mall LLC for the 2023 Fire Prevention Week event.
- R132-23** Authorizing an agreement with CivicPlus, LLC for the SeeClickFix customer relationship management system.
- R133-23** Authorizing a sidewalk renovation agreement with Franzen Properties LLC for reconstruction of sidewalk along Ninth Street between Broadway and Alley A.
- R134-23** Authorizing a first amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1055.

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- PR135-23** Amending the compensation philosophy for employees of the City of Columbia, Missouri to reflect the values and goals of the City.
- B208-23** Adopting the FY 2024 Classification and Pay Plan; providing for salary adjustments for eligible employees; establishing an implementation date.
- B209-23** Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code as it relates to personnel policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

- B210-23** Establishing plan year 2024 active employee medical premium rates, active employee dental premium rates, and non-Medicare medical and retiree dental premium rates for the City of Columbia; providing for payroll withholdings.
- B211-23** Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to suspend transportation fares for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System for the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.
- B212-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Centerstate, Plat No. 14A" located on the west side of Vandiver Road and south of Mexico Gravel Road; authorizing a performance contract.
- B213-23** Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code relating to the rule of construction pertaining to mailed notice to complainants alleging police misconduct.
- B214-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget for fourth quarter appropriation of funds.
- B215-23** Authorizing the issuance of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023A, of the City of Columbia, Missouri in an amount not to exceed \$27,695,000.
- B216-23** Authorizing a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for operation and maintenance of a streamgage on Hinkson Creek to provide historical stream flow data and flood stage information.
- B217-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for HIV prevention program services.
- B218-23** Authorizing a user agency agreement with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for access to the Criminal Justice Information Systems.
- B219-23** Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with Columbia Police Lieutenants' Association for a three-year labor contract.
- B220-23** Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #26 for a five-year labor contract.
- B221-23** Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 955 for a four-year labor contract.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP48-23 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Reports.
Sustainability Manager Eric Hempel provided a staff report, and the Council made comments.

REP49-23 Fire Station No. 10 Building Renovations.
Fire Chief Clayton Farr, Jr. provided a staff report. The Council asked questions and made comments.

REP50-23 Recycling Drop Off Center on Oakland Gravel Road.
Assistant Utility Director Steve Hunt provided a staff report, and the Council made comments.

REP51-23 Amendment to the FY 2023 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.
Mayor Buffaloe pointed out there was a typo on the final item in that it should be wireless communications and not ARC maintenance contractual improvements, and that the typo did not affect the transfer from occurring correctly.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding the need for people to speak into the microphone, volunteerism, and the potential for a recycling site off of Vandiver Drive.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include suggesting council members provide a report upon returning from conferences or other educational related, thanking Council Member Waner for her work on paid family leave, recommending that people read the budget as it was educational, highlighting particular items within the budget such as moving the Project Management Office to the City Manager's Office, the use tax and marijuana tax as it was providing an additional resource, moving the Economic Development and Global Affairs position from half-time to full-time, the new Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, and the increase in employee pay, thanking staff for their work on the budget, the success of this year's budget process which included identifying priorities during the retreat, whether they should cancel the January 2, 2024 council meeting, a request for an actuarial study, for which there was consensus, to determine the effect on the police and fire pensions if the City invested an additional amount over and above the routine amount, a request for resolutions of support to be drafted for Council consideration for the Columbia Square Apartments and Claudell Homes, Spartan Pointe, Gentry Estates, and Providence Walkway projects in terms of their applications to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, taking the group Council photo on September 18, and the prices associated with quint fire trucks.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk