

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 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 October 2, 2023 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**

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to add a special item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, including the consent agenda and the addition of a special item, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waner.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**SI9-23**      Presentation of Senator Chuck Graham Award.

Mayor Buffaloe presented Lydia Olmsted with the first Senator Chuck Graham Award, which had been established by the Disabilities Commission in memory of its former Chair to recognize those that had demonstrated consistent attention to and efforts toward inclusion for all persons with disabilities.

**SI10-23**      Recognition of the City Clerk.

Mayor Buffaloe along with former Mayor Brian Treece, former Mayor Bob McDavid, and the widow of former Mayor Darwin Hindman, Axie Hindman, recognized City Clerk Sheela Amin for her 20 years of service to the City of Columbia.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Upon receiving the majority vote of the Council, the following individuals were appointed to the following Boards and Commissions.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Hamann, Alexander, 505 Fay Street, Apt. 107, Ward 1, Term to expire July 31, 2026

CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Balazic, Denise, 2103 Mace Court, Ward 6, Term to expire November 1, 2026

Coleman, Stephanie, 4301 Spring Cress Drive, Ward 3, Term to expire November 1, 2026

Jeffrey, Steven, 2813 Butternut Court, Ward 6, Term to expire November 1, 2026

CITY OF COLUMBIA NEW CENTURY FUND INC. BOARD

Willoughby, Blake, 1338 Ashland Road, Apt. F, Ward 6, Term to expire September 30, 2026

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Helmick, Linda, 105 Manor Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire October 31, 2026

Moxon, Diana, 806 Leawood Terrace, Ward 4, Term to expire October 31, 2026

Thompson, Stacey, 2011 Wynfield Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire October 31, 2026

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Gartner, Carrie, 115 Aldeah Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire September 1, 2024

**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Ascani, Rikki, 11 Fourth Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire November 1, 2026  
McIntosh, Jay, 5701 Bower Lane, Ward 6, Term to expire November 1, 2026  
Rose, Tom, 5204 E. Tayside Circle, Ward 5, Term to expire November 1, 2026

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Bayless, James, 5678 N. Maple Court, Boone County, Term to expire October 31, 2026  
Carbins, Gregory, 105 N. Garth Avenue, Apt. 34, Ward 1, Term to expire October 31, 2026  
Khanna, Vinita, 6203 Bentpath Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire October 31, 2025

**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Harris, Grace, Ward 4, Term to expire June 1, 2026

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC60-23** Ronald Shivers - Hospitals, Douglass Park, and Homelessness.  
Ronald Shivers did not come forward to speak.

**SPC61-23** Abby Dickinson - In Favor of Action for 100% by 2030.  
Abby Dickinson indicated she was the President of Climate Leaders of Mizzou, a University of Missouri organization dedicated to climate action, and an intern of Renew Missouri, a non-profit legal advocacy group for clean energy, and spoke.

**SPC62-23** Mara Speichinger-Crisp, President, The Activist Club - Preserving Our Environment.  
Mara Speichinger-Crisp indicated her and her friends, who were also in attendance, had started The Activist Group, and spoke.

**SPC63-23** Jack Donelon, Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association on Grace Lane - Traffic Due to Development on Richland Road.  
Jack Donelon, 578 N. Grace Lane in Boone County, spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH36-23** Proposed construction of stormwater improvements on Calvert Drive, Sylvan Lane and Vandiver Drive, and proposed construction of sanitary sewer improvements on Calvert Drive.  
The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.  
Utilities Director David Sorrell 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 authorize staff to proceed with the final design of stormwater improvements on Calvert Drive, Sylvan Lane, and Vandiver Drive, and of sanitary sewer improvements on Calvert Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following bills were given second reading and the resolutions were read by the City Clerk.  
**B235-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Old Hawthorne, Plat No. 11A" located on the south side of Cobble Creek Drive and east of Old Hawthorne Drive; authorizing performance contracts.  
**B236-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Sawgrass Estates, Plat No. 1" located on the west side of Scott Boulevard and approximately 900 feet south of Sawgrass Drive (5025 Scott Boulevard); authorizing a performance contract.  
**B237-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Rock Haven Plat 2" located northeast of Garden Drive and I-70 Drive Northwest; authorizing a performance contract.  
**B238-23** Vacating a portion of the Waco Road street right-of-way and adjacent utility easements located west of Brown Station Road.  
**B239-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of roll carts for automated residential curbside refuse collection.  
**B240-23** Authorizing construction of one new 69 kV station class transformer and switchgear lineup at the Perche Creek Substation; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division, or authorizing

a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor or by utilizing City employees to perform the work; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B241-23** Authorizing construction of the 161 kV bus reconfiguration at the Perche Creek Substation; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division, or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor or by utilizing City employees to perform the work; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B242-23** Authorizing the addition of two (2) new 161 kV station class transformer and switchgear lineups at the Bolstad Substation; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division, or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor or by utilizing City employees to perform the work; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B243-23** Accepting a conveyance for water purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

**R155-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements at Douglass Park to include Phase II construction of a skate park, basketball court improvements and renovations to the aquatic center.

**R156-23** Authorizing application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Air Pollution Control Program for a climate pollution reduction municipal outreach subgrant.

**R157-23** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a release, indemnity and refunding agreement to Simmons Bank, trustee of the John D. Hall Memorial Trust, relating to funding for the construction of improvements to Football Fields #5 and #6 at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park).

**R158-23** Authorizing renewal of an agreement with Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. to provide the Columbia Police Department access and use of a range facility for training purposes.

**R159-23** Authorizing FY 2024 agreements with various arts and cultural organizations for arts programming or services.

**R160-23** Expressing support for a design narrative associated with enhancements to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 63 interchange design-build project; expressing support for financial participation by the City of Columbia of up to \$1,500,000.

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**

**R161-23** Recognizing employees holding certain job classifications within the Water Distribution Division of the Utilities Department as an additional work unit of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 955 bargaining unit.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

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

Andrew Hutchinson indicated he was representing Local 955 and the water distribution workers, provided a handout, and spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

The Council asked further questions.

R161-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**R162-23** Authorizing an agreement with Pednet Coalition, Inc. (d/b/a Local Motion) to supplement funding for the engagement coordinator position in the City Manager's Office.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Engagement and Public Communications Manager Sydney Olsen provided a staff report, and she, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood responded to Council questions.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

Lawrence Simonson, the CEO of Local Motion, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

R162-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, KNOTH, LOVELADY, FOSTER. VOTING NO: PETERS, WANER, WATERMAN. 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.

- B244-23** Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Uptown Business Park Plat 1 to allow a direct driveway connection to Brown Station Road.
- B245-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Uptown Business Park Plat 1" located southwest of the Brown Station Road and Waco Road intersection; authorizing a performance contract.
- B246-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Liddle Acres Plat 1" located on the south side of North Cedar Lake Drive and west of South Providence Outer Road (250 E. North Cedar Lake Drive); authorizing a performance contract.
- B247-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Fox Creek Subdivision Plat 2" located on the west side of Highway PP and north of Mexico Gravel Road; authorizing performance contracts.
- B248-23** Approving the Final Plat of Spring Brook, Plat No. 1 located southeast of the Providence Road and Veterans United Drive intersection; authorizing a performance contract.
- B249-23** Authorizing a neighborhood stabilization program operating agreement with Central Missouri Community Action for the transfer of City-owned property located at 603 N. Fourth Street.
- B250-23** Naming the east/west alley located between Tenth Street and Orr Street, south of the Wabash Transit Center, "Artist Alley"; directing the City Clerk to record a certified copy of the ordinance.
- B251-23** Repealing Ordinance No. 019747 which established a sidewalk maintenance and construction policy and enacting new provisions related thereto; establishing a sidewalk renovation cost share program.
- B252-23** Authorizing construction of improvements at Douglass Park to include Phase II construction of a skate park, basketball court improvements and renovations to the aquatic center; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the limited use of a trademark.
- B253-23** Authorizing construction of the McBaine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Phase 1 project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B254-23** Authorizing construction of a southeast water pumping station project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B255-23** Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to repeal Sec. 27-169 relating to the Solar One Utility Program and adopting in lieu thereof a new section establishing a Community Solar Program.
- B256-23** Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its University Concert Series, for FY 2024 arts programming funds.
- B257-23** Authorizing a grant agreement with the State of Missouri - Missouri Arts Council for community arts programs administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs.
- B258-23** Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the issuance of birth and death certificates and associated information technology activities.
- B259-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC local agency nutrition program services.
- B260-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for maternal child health program services.
- B261-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for overdose data to action program services.
- B262-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for a DWI enforcement unit.
- B263-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant to conduct special traffic enforcements through DWI saturation patrols.
- B264-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for an officer dedicated to hazardous moving violation enforcement.
- B265-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant to conduct periodic special traffic enforcement of hazardous moving violations.
- B266-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a youth alcohol enforcement grant to conduct compliance checks.
- B267-23** Amending Chapter 3 of the City Code as it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the Airport Advisory Board.

- B268-23** Authorizing Lease Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the United States of America Transportation Security Administration for office and related space in the North Terminal Building at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B269-23** Authorizing a fourth supplemental to the airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for air service promotion.
- B270-23** Authorizing application to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration and the Missouri Department of Transportation for airport capital assistance grants in 2024.
- B271-23** Establishing the Central Missouri Air Service Fund for purposes of future air service enhancements; authorizing the City Manager to enter into participation agreements with public and private entities contributing to the Central Missouri Air Service Fund; allowing acceptance of payments for deposit into the established fund.
- B272-23** Authorizing an affordable housing funding agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia and the Kinney Point Housing Development Group, LP for the issuance of HOME-ARP funds relating to the Kinney Point development project located northeast of the Garth Avenue and Sexton Road intersection; approving certain documents; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

**REP61-23** Final Draft Short-term Rental Regulations.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and he and Development Services Manager Pat Zenner responded to Council questions and comments.

**REP62-23** Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

**REP63-23** Amendment to the FY 2023 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, indicated he was representing Hold CoMo Accountable and spoke regarding Council Member Knoth in terms of a conflict of interest due to his new position and the effort to recall him.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about recycling and the need to fix a door to the Council Chamber.

Susan Renee Carter, President of Race Matters, Friends, spoke about the process and the upcoming events associated with the hiring of a new police chief along with the work of the Citizens Police Review Board, to include a letter, in that regard.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke regarding her support for the City participating in the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Pool, an update on her appeal to the Citizens Police Review Board, her desire for the City Manager to look into her claim of implicit bias, and the recall of Council Member Knoth.

Demetria Stephens, a Third Ward resident, spoke regarding recycling needs, especially with regard to the elderly who were not easily able to get to the current recycling center locations.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the comments of Jack Donelon regarding Grace Lane, a status of the Richland Road corridor study, which included Grace Lane, in conjunction with Boone County, the approval of the Grain Belt Express and its impact on the City in terms of renewable energy, receipt of the letter from the Citizens Police Review Board regarding the hiring of a new police chief as had been mentioned by a speaker earlier this evening, and ARPA funding.

Council Member Knoth made a motion to open the closed records from the RFP process related to ARPA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council and staff continued to discuss various topics to include the voluntary recognition of the water distribution workers within LIUNA, the critical illness trust for the firefighters union, the sidewalks being

constructed on Stadium Boulevard as they would allow people to get from the north side of Stadium Boulevard to Cosmo Park, the free Powerhouse event that brought Kirk Franklin to town to discuss homes without fathers, thanking City employees, to include the police officers that were called to an incident at a local establishment, thanking the Citizens Police Review Board for their effective work, the upcoming forum on Wednesday evening to meet the police chief candidates, the need for a better definition of homeless since many people were a situation away from homelessness, issues with landlords of Section 8 housing in terms of the application process and fees, the Neighborhood Congress being hosted by the City's Housing Programs on Tuesday at the ARC at 7:00 p.m., an update regarding recycling, recognizing the service of Council Member Waner at the November 20 council meeting, the application process for those interested in completing the remainder of Council Member Waner's term, which would result in a report on the November 20 council meeting agenda and a potential special meeting on November 27 to make the appointment, a Zoom meeting hosted by the Columbia STEM alliance on November 8 with regard to students interested in visiting our sister city in Japan, and an update on the police chief hiring process.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk