

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 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: Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, and Council Member BETSY PETERS were present. Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE and Council Member NICK KNOTH were absent. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, City Clerk Sheela Amin, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner asked for everyone to join her in a moment of silence in memory of Edwin Kaiser, a former Third Ward Council Member who had served from 1985-1989 and had passed away last week.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Foster and a second by Council Member Waterman.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Peters made a motion to remove R164-23 from the agenda at the request of staff due to an error in the legal description. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, including the consent agenda and with the removal of R164-23 from the agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Lovelady and a second by Council Member Waterman.

SPECIAL ITEM

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC64-23 Mel Tully - The need for Columbia to pass a sanctuary city ordinance that protects its LGBTQ citizens.

Mel Tully provided a handout and spoke.

SPC65-23 Cathy Dolles - Challenges with housing, credit, and income.

Cathy Dolles spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH37-23 Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Garden Drive between I-70 Drive Northwest and Mayflower Drive.

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.

There being no 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 staff to proceed with the installation of traffic calming devices on Garden Drive between I-70 Drive Northwest and Mayflower Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH38-23 Proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Sexton Road and McBaine Avenue.

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 asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the final design of the replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on West Sexton Road and McBaine Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH39-23 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.

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.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner opened the public hearing.

James Gray spoke.

Anissa Cox spoke.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

There being no further comment, Mayor Pro Tem Waner closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions.

B252-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE, KNOTH. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

B222-23 Approving a major amendment to the PD Plan for "Woodrail Terrace Plat 1 Lots 14B and 14C" located at the south end of Woodrail Terrace; approving a statement of intent.

The bill was given third reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report.

Council Member Waterman made a motion to table B222-23 to the December 18, 2023 Council Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

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

Jack Cardetti indicated he was representing Mid-Am Development, LLC, with offices at 3622 Endeavor Avenue, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

Matthew Kriete with was with Engineering Surveys and Services at 1113 Fay Street indicated he was representing Baker Farm, LLC, spoke, and provided a handout.

The Council asked questions.

B248-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE, KNOTH. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Pat Fowler indicated she was the President of the North Central Columbia Neighborhood Association (NCCNA) Board and spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B251-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE, KNOTH. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B253-23 Authorizing construction of the McBaine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Phase 1 project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and Water Engineering Supervisor Shawn Carrico responded to Council questions.

Julie Ryan, a Fifth Ward resident, indicated she was representing the COMO Safe Water Coalition and spoke.

B253-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE, KNOTH. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and Acting Utilities Services Manager Todd McVicker responded to Council questions.

Mark Haim, 1402 Richardson Street, indicated he was the Director of Mid-Missouri Peaceworks and spoke. Peter Schneeberger, a Fourth Ward resident, spoke.

B255-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE, KNOTH. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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.

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.

B254-23 Authorizing construction of a southeast water pumping station project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

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.
- R163-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements to the cart storage and parking areas located at L.A. Nickell Golf Course.
- R165-23** Appointing Nicole Volkert as an associate municipal judge.
- R166-23** Authorizing staff to proceed with the preliminary design and expenditure of funds associated with the proposed construction of the Stewart Road and West Boulevard Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) Project #41; directing that a public hearing be held upon completion of the preliminary plans.
- R167-23** Authorizing Adopt A Spot agreements.
- R168-23** Authorizing a logistics management system agreement with Native Rock, Inc. to support operations at the City's Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) Transload Facility.
- R169-23** Authorizing form of service agreements with Southwest Power Pool, Inc. for compliance with tariffs regarding the transmission of electric power from the Iatan II power plant.

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

- B273-23** Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code relating to definitions and standards to reduce the necessity of consolidation platting of R-1, R-2, and R-MF lots not meeting the required dimensional standards of their respective zoning districts.
- B274-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Spring Brook, Plat No. 2" located on the east side of Providence Road and south of Veterans United Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B275-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Park Avenue, Plat No. 1A" located on the south side of Park Avenue between Providence Road and Seventh Street, and on the north side of Park Avenue between Fifth Street and Eighth Street; authorizing a performance contract.
- B276-23** Vacating a portion of a drainage and utility easement on Lot 205 within Breckenridge Park, Plat No. 2 located on the west side of Angels Rest Way (701 Angels Rest Way); directing the City Clerk to have a copy of this ordinance recorded.

- B277-23** Authorizing construction of improvements to the cart storage and parking areas located at L.A. Nickell Golf Course; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B278-23** Authorizing an agreement for sale and donation of real estate with the Barry P. Stuart and Linda M. Stuart Joint Revocable Living Trust for property located at 8850 S. Stanley Poe Road to be used for designated purposes; naming Stuart Park.
- B279-23** Accepting conveyances for underground electric and water utility purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B280-23** Amending Chapter 10 of the City Code relating to video service provider fees; directing the Director of Finance to provide notice of this ordinance to video service providers.
- B281-23** Authorizing an equitable sharing agreement and certification with the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of the Treasury detailing FY 2023 receipts and expenditures of shared funds by the Police Department.
- B282-23** Amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds to increase the Parks and Recreation Department cash reserve to meet reserve target policy requirements.
- B283-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget to appropriate funds for repairs to the Thomas G. Walton Building parking lot.
- B284-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget to appropriate American Rescue Plan Funds for the purpose of providing funding to organizations relating to access to services, affordable housing, community violence, homelessness, mental health, workforce development, workforce support, and capacity building services.
- B285-23** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for local public health agency infrastructure program services.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP64-23 Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) – Membership Change due to a Resignation.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner made a motion to appoint James Bayless to the Business Loop CID Board of Directors to the term ending April 19, 2026 as had been requested by Mayor Buffaloe. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved by voice vote. Council Member Foster had stepped out during the vote on this motion.

REP65-23 Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) - End of Fiscal Year (FY 2023) Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Trent Stober, a Fifth Ward resident, spoke regarding Michael Brown, a 45-year municipal servant who had served in Kirkwood, Missouri for the last 35 years and had passed away recently, along with his appreciation for all city servants to include those in Columbia, Missouri.

Renee Carter indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends, provided a handout, and spoke about the proposed ordinance to protect LGBTQ identities that had been discussed earlier as it created an opportunity for the Council to consider the concepts of equally and equality and to think more widely and broadly in terms of marginalized identities, the arrests of the Dove Street shooters and the need to understand the root of shootings between kinfolk and friends that turn into deadly rivalries, the opening of RATI and the direct action efforts of CoMo Mobile Aid, the need to release all of the ARPA proposals, and the need to have a mechanism to follow up on domestic violence situations.

Kanchan Hans spoke about the need to make Columbia a sanctuary city for LGBTQ+ communities and to consider those that are most affected by transphobia, racism, etc. as they were so marginalized that they did not feel they could speak publicly.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke regarding the passion and power of the young people that were in attendance earlier in the meeting when Mel Tully was speaking about Columbia becoming a sanctuary city for the LGBTQ community, the lack of representation at council and other community meetings in terms of people of color, the unhoused, and others whose voices were not being heard, and the need for the city to improve its outreach efforts.

Breana Ashcraft, a Third Ward resident, spoke about the comments of Cathy Dolles earlier in the evening in terms of the challenges with housing credit and income for the disabled and elderly, the fact that this

issue was not limited to those groups as it was an issue that affected all renters in Columbia, the fact landlords and property management companies were requesting high deposits and rents causing homelessness, and the need to address the affordability issue associated with rental properties.

Clair indicated she resided in Southern Boone County and spoke about the Stuart Park item that was on the agenda as she wondered when the city limits would move out to that area.

Hasan El-Walid indicated he was a city employee and spoke regarding the need for city staff to be trained on making the workplace friendly toward the LGBTQ+ populous and his support for Columbia becoming a sanctuary city.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include Columbia potentially becoming a sanctuary city for the LGBTQ+ population, the housing cost issues mentioned by Breana Ashcraft as that was creating homelessness, the need for outreach to hear the voices of those that were marginalized, the need to vote at elections.

Mayor Pro Tem Waner made a motion for the Human Rights Commission and City staff, specifically the Law Department staff, to review and evaluate the proposed LGBTQ sanctuary city ordinance referenced earlier this evening. 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 storage and the enforcement of the storage of roll carts.

Council Member Peters made a motion for an ordinance to be drafted with regard to the storage of roll carts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk