

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

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 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 NICK KNOTH, Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, and Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE were present. Council Member BETSY PETERS 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 November 6, 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 asked that B281-23 be moved from the consent agenda to old business at the request of a citizen.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B281-23 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

SI11-23 Recognition of Civic Academy Fall 2023 Participants.

Mayor Buffaloe and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood recognized the graduates of the most recent Civic Academy. The graduates in attendance were Lyria Bartlett, Emma Fordyce, Charlie Young, Johanna Cox, Gwendolyn Amalia, Ian Ginther, and Steve Guthrie.

SI12-23 Recognition of Council Member Andrea Waner.

Mayor Buffaloe and City Manager Seewood presented Council Member Waner with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing her years of service on the Council, a silver tray recognizing her service as Mayor Pro Tem, a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in her honor in a park of her choice, a glass tile with the City logo, and a unique gift, which was the bottom of a bourbon barrel that had a photo of her family in the middle and was engraved with empowering words used by Council Member Waner. Council Member Waner made comments regarding her time on the City Council.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Richards, Thomas, 1920 Devonshire Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire December 1, 2026

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Kvam, Eric, 2604 Luan Court, Ward 4, Term to expire November 30, 2026

Sell, Andrew, 2508 Iron Gate Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire November 30, 2026

Smith, Kira, 1915 Waverly Court, Apt. 7, Ward 6, Term to expire November 30, 2026

Spisso, Abra, 1121 W. Broadway, Ward 1, Term to expire November 30, 2026

Tippett Mosby, Leanne, 2605 E. Nichols Road, Boone County, Term to expire November 30, 2026

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Murphy, Kathy, 901 E. Broadway (Business), Ward 4, Term to expire October 31, 2026

Mayor Buffaloe suggested they readvertise all three vacancies to the Community Land Trust Organization Board and asked if there was an objection. No one objected.

Mayor Buffaloe explained the current Council representative to the Community Land Trust Organization Board was Council Member Knoth and suggested they reaffirm his role to meet the bylaws of that Board.

Mayor Buffaloe also asked that the Community Land Trust Organization Board review their bylaws to allow for more flexibility with regard to when the Council liaison was appointed. Mayor Buffaloe asked if there was any concern, and no one expressed concern with either suggestion, i.e., the reaffirmation of Council Member Knoth as the Council liaison or the review of the bylaws by the Board.

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Elwood, Vera, 3700 Armadillo Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire June 15, 2024

MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HEALTH

Gooch, Teresa, 3908 Snow Leopard Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire November 30, 2026
Harrison, Chris, 7341 E. Sunrise Court, Boone County, Term to expire November 30, 2026
Jobes, Clair, 1100 E. Rollins Street, Ward 1, Term to expire November 30, 2024
Jones, Gwendolyn, 3706 Sardis Court, Ward 4, Term to expire November 30, 2026
McQuade, Lauren, 1118 Locust Street, Ward 1, Term to expire November 30, 2024

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMISSION

McQuade, Lauren, 1118 Locust Street, Ward 1, Term to expire October 31, 2026

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mayfield, Dalton, Ward 5, Term to expire June 1, 2025

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC66-23 Calvin Drone Sr. - Solid Waste Supervisors working holidays and overtime not being paid; Refuse Collectors making time and a half and Supervisors being under paid.
Calvin Drone, Sr., an 18 year employee of the City of Columbia, spoke.

SPC67-23 Trent Rash and David Hall - Support of the City of Columbia becoming a designated sanctuary city for the LGBTQ+ community.

Trent Rash, the Executive Director of the Missouri Symphony, and David Hall, a drag performer and former Miss Gay City of Columbia, spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH40-23 Proposed construction of improvements to the cart storage and parking areas located at L.A. Nickell Golf Course.

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.

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.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

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

The Council made comments.

B277-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B273-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend B274-23 per the amendment sheet, which would replace Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner and approved unanimously by voice vote. B274-23, as amended, was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

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.

The Council made comments.

B278-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Acting Police Chief Matt Stephens provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner and founder of Hold CoMo Accountable, spoke.

December Harmon, a candidate for the United States Senate, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Breana Ashcraft, a Third Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B281-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: KNOTH, WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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.

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.

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.

R170-23 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the North Eighth Street Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #38 sanitary sewer improvement project.

R171-23 Authorizing staff to proceed with the preliminary design and expenditure of funds associated with the proposed construction of the Rice Road, Twin Oak Drive and Boyd Lane Private

Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) Project #43; directing that a public hearing be held upon completion of the preliminary plans.

- R172-23** Authorizing the installation of street lights on Parkade Boulevard, Dartmouth, Green Meadows Road, and Hanover Boulevard.
- R173-23** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Mataora Subdivision" located on the northwest corner of Ria Street and Ballenger Lane.
- R174-23** Authorizing the Faye C. Nowell Trust to pursue access to sanitary sewer services through an annexation agreement for contiguous property located on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road (5550 W. Gillespie Bridge Road).
- R175-23** Authorizing a sponsorship agreement with Columbia College to allow the installation of its logo and signage in the Columbia Regional Airport terminal.
- R176-23** Authorizing an aviation project consultant agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. for design services related to pavement repairs to Runway 2-20 at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- R177-23** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with "We Always Swing," Inc. for the "We Always Swing" Jazz Series: Centerpieces.
- R178-23** Authorizing a first amendment to the agreement for professional architectural services with Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc., d/b/a PWAarchitects, to add design services relating to the construction of Fire Station #10 to be located on the southeast corner of Broadway (Route WW) and El Chaparral Avenue.
- R179-23** Authorizing CDBG grant agreements with the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri and Woodhaven Learning Center.
- R180-23** Authorizing a housing site demolition and reuse agreement of participation with Columbia Community Housing Trust for property located at 106 E. Worley Street.
- R181-23** Authorizing a first amendment to the solid waste route management software system licensing, support and data agreement with Seon System Sales, Inc., d/b/a Fleetmind Solutions, Inc.; authorizing a lease schedule agreement with Huntington Technology Finance, Inc. for the lease of equipment in support of a solid waste route management system.
- R182-23** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture for job coaching services.
- R183-23** Authorizing an agreement with True North of Columbia, Inc. for rental and utility assistance services.
- R184-23** Approving and ratifying a grant award agreement with The Missouri Foundation for Health to support the work of a local Food Council to create a resilient, equitable, and sustainable local food system; authorizing an amendment to the grant award agreement with The Missouri Foundation for Health.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R185-23 Authorizing an airport restaurant agreement with Blue Ribbon Vending, L.L.C., d/b/a Jackson Brothers of the North, for the lease of space in the Columbia Regional Airport terminal for concession services.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Airport Manager Mike Parks provided a staff report.

The Council made comments.

R185-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: KNOTH (Council Member Knoth stepped out during the vote on this item), PETERS. 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.

B286-23 Approving a major amendment to the PD Plan for "The Village of Cherry Hill - Lot 3B" located on the east side of Corona Road and north of Flagstone Drive.

B287-23 Approving the Final Plat of "Manorwood Point, Plat No.1" located on the southeast corner of Manor Drive and Broadway; authorizing a performance contract.

- B288-23** Authorizing acceptance of the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program; amending the FY 2024 Annual budget by appropriating funds.
- B289-23** Authorizing a transportation enhancement funds program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Vandiver Drive (Oakland Gravel Road to Parker Street) sidewalk project.
- B290-23** Authorizing a transportation enhancement funds program agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Oakland Gravel Road (Blue Ridge Road to Smiley Lane) sidewalk project.
- B291-23** Accepting a conveyance for transit system purposes; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.
- B292-23** Authorizing a joint funding agreement for water resource investigations with the U.S. Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey for hydrological monitoring of well sites in the vicinity of the McBaine wetland treatment units and the Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area.
- B293-23** Authorizing replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Nebraska Avenue; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B294-23** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with The Curators of University of Missouri for the 2023-2024 Concert Series events.
- B295-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget to appropriate funds for Phase II construction of the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse improvement project located in A. Perry Philips Park.
- B296-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for epidemiology and laboratory capacity enhancing detection expansion program services.
- B297-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Public Health and Human Services Department; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP66-23 Downtown Community Improvement District - Annual Membership and Membership Change Due to a Resignation.

Mayor Buffaloe stated she wanted to appoint Tootie Burns to the term ending on February 6, 2025, which would fill the seat vacated by Rachael Norden, and Aric Jarvis, Kathleen Murphy, Kenny Greene, Jesse Slade, and Jamie Varvaro to terms beginning on February 7, 2026 and ending on February 6, 2027, and asked for the consent of the Council. The Council consented as no one objected to these appointments.

REP67-23 Ward 2 City Council Member Applicants.

The Council discussed this report and decided to hold a special meeting on November 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at which time they would select the new Ward 2 City Council Member and adopt a resolution appointing that person as the new Ward 2 City Council Member.

REP68-23 Amendment to the FY 2024 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Finance Director Matthew Lue indicated he was available to answer questions, and no one had any questions.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke in support of Susan Renee Carter as the new Ward 2 Council Member.

Susan Renee Carter indicated she was representing Race Matters, Friends, and spoke regarding concerns with the transit study.

Brendon Banks, with Nclusion Plus, spoke in support of Columbia becoming a LGBTQ sanctuary city.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding the new food pantry facility, the homeless, and the recent HUD meeting.

Karen Sicheneder, a Second Ward resident, indicated she was representing the Boone County Democratic Central Committee and spoke in support of Rachel Proffitt as the new Ward 2 Council Member.

Tami Reynolds, a Fourth Ward resident, spoke in support for Council Member Foster becoming the new Mayor Pro Tem, in support of her daughter, Council Member Waner, of whom she was proud, and in regard to the need for people to be kind to their representatives.

Breana Ashcraft, a Third Ward resident, spoke about affordable housing in terms of how it was defined, the amount of the vouchers, which inflated rent, and the cost to rent places in Columbia.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include their support and admiration for Council Member Andrea Waner, the need for Third Ward residents to apply for boards and commissions, Columbia becoming a sanctuary city, attendance at the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit, collaboration being the key to be successful and the need to work from the bottom up instead of the top down, a report regarding the forfeiture funds and the potential use of those funds for crime prevention, which was supported by the Council, the potential new Ward 2 Council Member, the fact that there had been two agreements associated with ARPA funding on the consent agenda tonight, an update on a couple of officers that had been injured in a recent incident, the fact the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) was in need of sponsors of families for its holiday program, paid family leave at 100 percent for ten weeks, and an update on the potential sanctuary city ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk