

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 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, and Council Member NICK KNOTH 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 AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Lovelady.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R186-23**     Appointing a Ward 2 Council Member to fill a vacancy.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Mayor Buffaloe provided a history of the appointment process to date.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke about her concerns with the appointment process.

Shawna Neuner, a Second Ward resident, spoke in support of Lisa Evelyn Anne Meyer.

Mayor Buffaloe explained the appointment process going forward, and asked for nominations from the Council. Rachel Proffitt was nominated by Council Member Foster, Susan Renee Carter was nominated by Council Member Lovelady, and William Moyes was nominated by Council Member Waterman.

The Council further discussed the appointment process.

The results of the first vote were Rachel Proffitt with three votes (Council Member Foster, Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Knoth), William Moyes with two votes (Council Member Waterman, Council Member Peters), and Susan Renee Carter with one vote (Council Member Lovelady). The results were the same with the second vote. On the third vote, Rachel Proffitt received four votes (Council Member Peters, Council Member Foster, Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Knoth), William Moyes received one vote (Council Member Waterman), and Susan Renee Carter received one vote (Council Member Lovelady).

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend R186-23 by inserting the name of Rachel Proffitt into the bracket that said "insert name." The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

R186-23, as amended, was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Mayor Buffaloe suggested Council Member Foster serve as the Mayor Pro Tem if he was agreeable.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to appoint Council Member Foster as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth.

Council Member Foster indicated he was agreeable if supported by the Council.

The motion made by Mayor Buffaloe and seconded by Council Member Knoth to appoint Council Member Foster as the Mayor Pro Tem was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

The Council made comments regarding appreciation for those that had applied, the opportunity for those that had applied to serve on boards and commissions, the fact that there was still an opportunity to file as a Ward 2 Council Member candidate for the April 2024 election, and the fact that several that had applied were planning to run and for the residents of Ward 2 to pay attention during that campaign.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk