

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 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 NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Council Member NICK KNOTH, Council Member RACHEL PROFFITT, and Council Member ROY LOVELADY were present. Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE 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 20, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and a second by Council Member Lovelady.

The minutes of the special meeting of November 27, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and a second by Council Member Waterman.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Foster explained B292-23 would be moved from the consent agenda to old business at the request of a citizen, and that he wanted to move R198-23 from the consent agenda to new business. The agenda, including the consent agenda with B292-23 being moved to old business and R198-23 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Foster and a second by Council Member Lovelady.

SPECIAL ITEM

SI13-23 Oath of Office of Newly Appointed Ward 2 City Council Member, Rachel Proffitt.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Second Ward Council Member Rachel Proffitt, and Mayor Pro Tem Foster presented her with a framed Commission of Office.

Council Member Proffitt made a few comments.

SI14-23 Swearing in of Jill Schlude as the Police Chief for the City of Columbia.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Jill Schlude as the Police Chief for the City of Columbia.

SI15-23 Check presentation by Lelande Rehard, Columbia Trail Association, associated with the Gans Creek Recreation Area.

Lelande Rehard, President of the Columbia Trails Association (COMOTA), presented the City with a \$30,000 check for a Gans Creek Recreation Area project.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC68-23 Connie Benson - Consideration to adding bow and arrows to the weapons list which are not permitted in the City of Columbia.

Connie Benson withdrew her request to speak.

SPC69-23 Jordan Haag - Why all the cops are leaving Columbia.

Jordan Haag withdrew his request to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

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 Pro Tem Foster made a motion to remand this item to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and to table B286-23 to the March 18, 2024 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. Lawrence Simonson, a First Ward resident, indicated he was representing Local Motion and spoke. Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council made comments.

B288-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.

The Council made comments.

B295-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

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.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

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

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions.

B292-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- R187-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of storm water improvements on Crestridge Drive.
- R188-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a playground, two (2) shelters, and natural surface hiking and biking trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area; providing for the design and construction of the proposed trail improvement using a design/build contract.
- R189-23** Setting a public hearing: proposed annexation of property located north of Gibbs Road (3705 W. Gibbs Road).
- R190-23** Approving and adopting revisions to the Transportation Regulated Employee Drug and Alcohol Policy for City employees.
- R191-23** Authorizing a business associate agreement with CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc. for employee benefit consulting services.
- R192-23** Authorizing a subgrantee agreement with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture to assist with the development and implementation of a community food system assessment.
- R193-23** Authorizing agreements with The Columbia Book Festival, Inc. and VidWest for FY 2024 arts programming funds.
- R194-23** Authorizing an agreement with Alternative Community Training, Inc. for job preparation and training services.
- R195-23** Authorizing an agreement with Destiny of H.O.P.E. for community-based mentoring, positive youth development, site-based mentoring, peer support, and family therapy services; authorizing a business associate agreement for social service provider.
- R196-23** Authorizing an agreement with Fostering Life-Changing Opportunities for clinical case management and job coaching services; authorizing a business associate agreement for social service provider.
- R197-23** Authorizing an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri for site-based mentorship services.
- R199-23** Authorizing a third amendment to the social services provider agreement with Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church to provide drop-in and overnight warming center services to the unsheltered homeless.
- R200-23** Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Simpleview, LLC that provides a customer relationship management system for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to add a subscription to the Meetings Information Network (MINT+) database.
- R201-23** Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Independent Living Center of Mid-Missouri, Inc. (d/b/a Services for Independent Living) to allow for home modifications to provide accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R202-23 Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with Columbia College to provide City employees with certain benefits associated with advanced educational opportunities.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

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

Rob Boone, the Associate Vice President of Columbia College, spoke.

The Council made comments.

R202-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE.

Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R198-23 Authorizing an agreement with The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, Inc. for food distribution services.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

R198-23 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: BUFFALOE. 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.

- B298-23** Approving a major amendment to the PD Plan for “Centerpointe Hospital of Columbia” located on the northeast corner of Highway 763 and International Drive (1201 International Drive).
- B299-23** Approving a major amendment to the PD Plan for “Fairview Marketplace” located on the west side of Fairview Road and north of Broadway; approving a statement of intent.
- B300-23** Amending Ordinance No. 025464 to correct a scrivener’s error as it relates to the legal description associated with the rezoning of property located on the northwest corner of Highway WW and Rolling Hills Road from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood).
- B301-23** Vacating a portion of a sewer easement on Lot 327 within Wyndham Ridge, Plat No. 3 located on the south side of Steinbrooke Terrace (3804 Steinbrooke Terrace); directing the City Clerk to have a copy of this ordinance recorded.
- B302-23** Accepting a partial award of grants funds from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Calvert Drive stormwater detention project; authorizing a financial assistance agreement; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B303-23** Accepting conveyances for sewer and water purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B304-23** Authorizing construction of a playground, two (2) shelters, and natural surface hiking and biking trail in the Gans Creek Recreation Area; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; providing for the design and construction of the proposed trail improvement using a design/build contract; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating donated funds.
- B305-23** Authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Boone, Missouri relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2023 Local Solicitation.
- B306-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services relating to the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) services.
- B307-23** Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for disease intervention specialist workforce program services.
- B308-23** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a food council.
- B309-23** Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code relating to regulations for business occupation licenses and armed guards and security guards.
- B310-23** Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code relating to sick leave usage for new City employees and to establish paid family and medical leave as an employee benefit.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP69-23 Communication from the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council.

Assistant to the City Manager Kristina Wolf provided a staff report. After discussion, the Council chose to delay a decision on the suggestions of the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council until they received more information and had time for a larger discussion during a work session.

REP70-23 Recycling and Waste Diversion Program Evaluation Final Report.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report. After discussion, the Council chose to hold a work session on January 22, 2024 to further discuss this issue.

REP71-23 Administrative Public Improvement Project: Hitt Street Compactor.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and the Council appeared to be agreeable to moving forward with the administrative public improvement project for this project.

REP72-23 Hinkson Creek Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAM) Progress Reports 2021 and 2022 from the CAM Stakeholder Committee.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report and noted the progress reports were included for informational purposes.

REP73-23 Comprehensive GoCOMO Transit Study Update.

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

REP74-23 Monthly Finance Report.

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

REP75-23 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 questions.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke negatively about the Mayor being in Dubai, his concern for the safety of women, and mental health.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke regarding Columbia's water quality, whether meeting minimum standards was sufficient, the time limits associated with ARPA funding, and the status of the opportunity campus.

Robert Haenisch, 1715 Gordon Street, spoke positively about the Mayor being in Dubai, the fact things were wonderful in Columbia, listing a few projects to include the expansion of renewable energy, a new nurses hospital, and the creation of isotopes at the MURR, and the need to dream bigger.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include being part of the new era of the Columbia Police Department with the appointment of Jill Schlude as the Police Chief, the status of City funding for the opportunity center, the reason for the change in ARPA funding for the Food Bank, congratulations to Jill Schlude as the Police Chief and Rachel Proffitt as the Ward 2 Council Member, adding the discussion of the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council to the work session at which the recycling and waste diversion issues would be discussed, the need for grants that involve the implementation of projects and not just the planning of projects, whether the City should meet the minimum standard or increase its standards in terms of water quality, thanking Columbia College for including educational opportunities to the City's employee benefits, and the status of contracts with organizations utilizing ARPA funds.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk