

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 16, 2024**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 (left the meeting at approximately 10:03 p.m.), Council Member RACHEL PROFFITT, 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 December 18, 2023 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Foster.

**APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon her request, Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for Council Member Proffitt to be allowed to abstain from voting on R11-24. Council Member Proffitt noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that she voluntarily assisted in writing the application for funding for that organization prior to her time as a city council member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knoth and approved unanimously by voice vote. The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Foster.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

Miller, Ella, 809 Engle Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire August 31, 2026

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

Yoakum, Michael, 4111 Meadow View Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire December 31, 2025

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Clarke, Melissa, 553 W. North Cedar Lake Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2026

PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Cecil, Gregory, 1700 Oak Cliff Place, Ward 4, Term to expire February 1, 2027

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Patrie, Jason, 1009 Bob O Link Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire May 31, 2024

TREE BOARD

Scheidt-Hahn, Renee, 405 N. Ann Street, Ward 3, Term to expire January 31, 2027

Wright, Samuel, 1631 Kathy Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire January 31, 2027

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC72-23** Sutu Forte - It's Our Wild Nature update.

Sutu Forte did not come forward to speak.

**SPC1-24** Bill (William) Easley - Transportation, city phone system, garbage and issues that surround those topics.

Bill Easley spoke.

**SPC2-24** Cass Donish and Isleen Atallah - Urging a proclamation for a ceasefire in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank.

Isleen Atallah, a Palestinian-American at Mizzou and the President of Students for Justice for Palestine, and Cass Donish, a Jewish resident of Columbia, spoke.

**SPC3-24** Scott Claybrook - ADU zoning details and increasing affordable homeownership stock and tenant options in the City.

Scott Claybrook withdrew his request to speak.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH1-24** Proposed construction of storm water improvements on Crestridge 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.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the final design of the proposed replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Crestridge Drive. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH2-24** Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Hulen Drive, south of Rollins Road.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and he and Engineering and Operations Manager Richard Stone responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Alison Kaiser, a resident of Hulen Drive, spoke.

Lauren Pringle, a resident of Hulen Drive near the terminus, spoke.

Caya Tanski, 1004 Hulen Drive, spoke.

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

The Council made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the installation of traffic calming devices on Hulen Drive, south of Rollins Road, between Rollins Road and its southern terminus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**B312-23** Voluntary annexation of property located north of Gibbs Road (3705 W. Gibbs Road); establishing permanent District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling), District R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling), and District R-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling) zoning.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

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

Tim Crockett, an engineer with Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B312-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B316-23** Approving the Final Plat of "High Side, Plat No. 1" located on the east side of High Street and south of University Avenue (508 High Street); 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.

Tim Crockett, an engineer with Crockett Engineering with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, spoke.

David Mehr, 714 Ingleside Drive, indicated he was the Chair of the East Campus Neighborhood Association and spoke.

Marvin Tofle, 1805 Cliff Drive, spoke.

Clark Odor, 1820 Cliff Drive, spoke.

Ruth Tofle, 1805 Cliff Drive, spoke.

Janet Hammen, a Sixth Ward resident, provided a handout and spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B316-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: NO ONE. VOTING NO: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. Bill declared defeated.

**B320-23** Authorizing a sponsorship agreement with the Missouri Department of Economic Development - Division of Tourism in support of 2024 Juneteenth events; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**R17-24** Authorizing the City Manager, or the Manager's designee, to enter into agreements for sponsorship of Juneteenth community events.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk, and the resolution was read by the City Clerk. Convention and Visitors Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report, and she and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Administrator D'Andre Thompson responded to Council questions.

The Council made comments, asked further questions, agreed to provide names of Juneteenth Grant Evaluation Committee members to the City Clerk by the end of the week.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend B320-23 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B320-23, as amended, was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

R17-24 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**B321-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary for the Finance Department and Police Department by adding and deleting positions; amending the FY 2024 Classification and Pay plan by adding, closing, reassigning, and retitling classifications; amending Chapter 19 of the City Code relating to unclassified service positions.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Finance Director Matthew Lue and Police Chief Jill Schlude provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

The Council made comments.

B321-23 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PR212-23** Expressing support for adoption of a livable streets policy to improve the livability of and contribute to the safety, health, equity, economic viability, and quality of life within the city by providing efficient and accessible connections between homes, neighborhoods, schools, work, recreation, and business destinations.

**B311-23** Calling the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to elect Council Members for Wards 2 and 6 for the City of Columbia.

**B313-23** Authorizing an annexation agreement with the Faye C. Nowell Trust for property located on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road (5550 W. Gillespie Bridge Road); directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded.

**B314-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Pieper Point, Plat No. 1" located on the south side of Austin Avenue and west of Providence Road (200 and 202 Austin Avenue); authorizing a performance contract.

**B315-23** Approving the Final Plat of "Copperstone Plat 7E" located on the west side of Copperstone Court and south of Copperstone Creek Drive (4605 Copperstone Court); authorizing a performance contract.

**B317-23** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Community Land Trust, Inc. for administrative services.

**B318-23** Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission associated with improvements to the Interstate 70 corridor, between Route B and U.S. Route 54 in Kingdom City, and including improvements to the U.S. Route 63 connector and interchange.

- B319-23** Accepting conveyances for sewer and underground electric purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
  - B322-23** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget for first quarter appropriation of funds.
  - R1-24** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Richmond Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #35 sanitary sewer improvement project.
  - R2-24** Recognizing employees holding certain job classifications within the Electric Production Division and Electric Distribution Division of the Utilities Department as an additional work unit of the Water and Light Association bargaining unit.
  - R3-24** Consenting to the issuance of a state license for the sale of intoxicating liquor to Bread Brothers, LLC, d/b/a Endwell Taverna, located at 107 N. Ninth Street.
  - R4-24** Authorizing Adopt A Spot agreements.
  - R5-24** Authorizing a CDBG grant agreement with Job Point for renovations to the facility located at 400 Wilkes Boulevard.
  - R6-24** Authorizing a contract with the Central Missouri Humane Society for 2024 animal control and municipal shelter services.
  - R7-24** Authorizing a business associate agreement for social service providers with True North of Columbia, Inc.
  - R8-24** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with Ragtag Film Society for the 2024 True/False Film Fest.
  - R9-24** Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for professional engineering services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for the preparation of design and construction documents for a vehicle wash bay facility at the City of Columbia sanitary landfill.
  - R10-24** Authorizing an agreement with First Last Mile Valet Service for transportation services.
  - R11-24** Authorizing an agreement with COMO Mobile Aid Collective for homeless street outreach program services.
  - R12-24** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Supreme for community-based mentoring, positive youth development, and transportation services.
  - R13-24** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Interfaith Resource Center for transportation services.
  - R14-24** Authorizing an agreement for professional services with Heart of Missouri United Way, Inc. for non-profit organizational capacity building services.
  - R15-24** Authorizing an addendum to the payment services agreement with Rectrac, LLC, d/b/a Vermont Systems, for business operations management software for Parks and Recreation Department programs; authorizing a sub-merchant application and agreement.
  - R16-24** Designating four (4) intersections within the downtown area as “Historic Sharp End.”
- The policy resolution and bills were given third reading and the resolutions read by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT (except for R11-24 on which she abstained), LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Policy resolution declared adopted, bills declared enacted, and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R18-24** Establishing a Mayor's Task Force on McKinney Building Planning for City-owned property located at 411-413 E. Broadway.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk. Convention and Visitors Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report and Lyria Bartlett with the University of Missouri Department of Architectural Studies discussed their role in this planning process. The Council asked questions and agreed to provide names of potential members to the Mayor by the end of next week. Donna Clayborne spoke. The Council asked further questions. R18-24 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**B1-24** Calling a special election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to consider the recall of the Council Member for Ward 1; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of notice of election; declaring an emergency to authorize enactment of the bill on the same day as introduction.

The bill was given first reading by the City Clerk. City Counselor Nancy Thompson provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to waive the rule requiring consideration of this ordinance at two separate meetings and to place the bill on its second reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Laura Mitchell, 209 Ridgeway Avenue, indicated she was the President of the West Ash Neighborhood Association and spoke.

Christine Gardener, 112 Anderson Avenue, spoke.

Anna Meyer, a First Ward resident and business owner, spoke.

John Larrick, 11 N. Glenwood Avenue, spoke.

December Harmon, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B1-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

The following bills were introduced by the Mayor unless otherwise indicated, and all were given first reading.

- B2-24** Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code to establish use-specific standards governing the operation of short-term rentals.
- B3-24** Rezoning property located on the east and west sides of Fairview Road and north of Worley Street (700 N. Fairview Road) from District A (Agriculture) and District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) to District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor).
- B4-24** Approving a major amendment to the PD Planned Development and Preliminary Plat of “The Kitchen & Discovery Offices” located on the west side of Discovery Parkway and south of Endeavor Avenue (3701 Discovery Parkway).
- B5-24** Approving the Final Plat of “Discovery Park Subdivision, Plat No. 8A” located on the west side of Discovery Parkway and south of Endeavor Avenue (3701 Discovery Parkway); authorizing performance contracts.
- B6-24** Approving the Final Plat of “Woodrail Terrace Plat 1” located on the east and west sides of Woodrail Terrace and south of Woodrail Avenue; authorizing a performance contract.
- B7-24** Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code relating to taxi stands, hours of operation for street and off-street metered parking spaces, and the removal of the designation and location of metered time zones.
- B8-24** Authorizing an application and agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative for interconnection and net metering of systems for solar panel installation at Fire Station No. 11 located at 6909 Scott Boulevard.
- B9-24** Authorizing Amendment 9 to the general cooperative agreement with the Boone County Regional Sewer District to remove assignment of sewer service to properties in the Midway area and financial participation for construction of the Henderson Branch sewer extension project.
- B10-24** Authorizing a deed of water utility easement and related agreements with the Eugenia B. Rogers Trust, the Rogers Family Trust, and the Rogers Joint Revocable Trust; directing the City Clerk to record the document.
- B11-24** Accepting a conveyance for underground electric utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B12-24** Authorizing an agreement with the United States of America Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration for lease of antenna and equipment space at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B13-24** Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri for 2024 public health services.
- B14-24** Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri for 2024 animal control services.
- B15-24** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds to accommodate retention payments for eligible permanent City employees; providing for retention payments for unrepresented eligible permanent City employees; authorizing memorandums of understanding with Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local 955, Columbia Police Officers Association, Columbia Police Lieutenants’ Association, Columbia Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1055, and Water and Light Association; granting a waiver from the requirements of Section 19-85 of the City Code to provide for salary adjustments for employees that exceeds the salary ranges established in the FY 2024 Classification and Pay Plan.

## REPORTS AND PETITIONS

### **REP1-24** Board of Equalization City Representative Appointments.

Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald provided a staff report.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to appoint Matt Pitzer and the Finance Director or his representative to the Board of Equalization. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **REP2-24** Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards - UDC Amendment Request.

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

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to proceed with the process to amend Chapter 29, the Unified Development Code (UDC), with regard to the use specific standards for accessory dwelling units. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **REP3-24** Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee Membership Update.

Cultural Affairs Manager Sarah Dresser provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to appoint James Melton, Diana Moxon, and Kathleen Murphy to the Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **REP4-24** Correspondence from the Commission on Cultural Affairs - Request for Increased Arts Funding.

David Spear, Chair of the Commission on Cultural Affairs, provided a report, and he, Cultural Affairs Manager Sarah Dresser, and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood responded to Council questions.

### **REP5-24** Certification of the Petition to Recall Nick Knoth.

City Clerk Sheela Amin provided a staff report, and she and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

### **REP6-24** Water and Light Advisory Board FY 2023 - Annual Report.

Council Member Nick Knoth left the meeting at approximately 10:03 p.m.

Gregg Coffin, Chair of the Water and Light Advisory Board, provided a report. The Council made comments.

### **REP7-24** Monthly Finance Report.

Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and he and Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald responded to Council questions.

### **REP8-24** Amendment to the FY 2024 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Finance Director Matthew Lue explained this report was provided for informational purposes.

## COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Reese Holcomb, who was representing Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA), spoke about the need for a Sanctuary City ordinance in Columbia.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include thanking the solid waste/recycling staff for emptying the recycling center bins over the holidays, thanking the NAACP for the event they had held on Monday as it had involved some great speakers, the hope for a singular Juneteenth celebration versus separate events, a report regarding Juneteenth related items, the status of a report regarding forfeiture funds, the status of the sanctuary city ordinance, the fact there had five ARPA funded contracts on the consent agenda tonight, the fact they had discussed several items tonight regarding black heritage, i.e., Juneteenth, the McKinney building, and the Sharp End signage, which had been on the consent agenda, acknowledging the City's hardworking staff over the recent extremely cold weekend, which included those involved with communications regarding closures and services along with staff from the Parks and Recreation Department Utilities Department, Fire Department, and the Police Department, the collaboration within the city and amongst departments, April 11 being a potential date to swear in newly elected council members, the FY 2025 budget being released on July 11, and a potential budget work session being held on either July 13 or July 20.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk