

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
MARCH 18, 2024**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 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 ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member NICK KNOTH, and Council Member RACHEL PROFFITT 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 March 4, 2024 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

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

SPECIAL ITEM

SI3-24 Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit.

Jonathan Nibarger, Vice President with AGH spoke, and responded to Council questions.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Mitchell, Brad, 2204 Country Lane, Ward 3, Term to expire July 31, 2026

Ortiz, McKenzie, 1619 Wilson Avenue, Apt. A, Term to expire July 31, 2026

CITIZENS POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Castilow, Harry, 4010 Baurichter Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire November 1, 2025

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Russell, Jack, 903 Hitt Street, Hawthorn Hall Room 3308, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2025

Thorp, Adam, 28 E. Stewart Road, #309, Ward 4, Term to expire March 1, 2027

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC15-24 Rikki Ascani (main speaker), Syreta Toson, McKenzie Ortiz, Sara Jimenez, Pat Kelley - Local Motion Transportation Survey Results.

Rikki Ascani, the Community Engagement Director with Local Motion, spoke.

SPC16-24 Matt Wright - Transit Driver Appreciation Day.

Matt Wright, a First Ward resident and the Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Commission, spoke and read a proclamation that had been issued by Mayor Buffaloe.

SPC17-24 Merdhad Fotoohigham - Matters I have sent to Council, City Manager's Office, Columbia Police Department and Others that relate to CPD and the Protocols in the City of Columbia.

Merdhad Fotoohigham provided a handout and spoke.

SPC18-24 Rhonda Carlson - Health, the Environment, and the Columbia Taxpayer.

Rhonda Carlson provided a handout and spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH6-24 Proposed construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalks at the intersection of the Fairview Road and Chapel Hill Road, and construction of a sidewalk along the northeast side of Chapel Hill Road between Fairview Road and Handley Place.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

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

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Bart Wechsler, 1704 Chapel Wood Road, spoke.

Oliver Sherwin, Fairview Estates, spoke.

Sara Edwards spoke.

Bill Edwards, 1700 S. Fairview Road, spoke.

Sara Humm, 2805 Middlebush Drive, spoke.

Ellen Snipes, 1708 Chapel Wood Road, spoke.

Sarah Bush, Frontenac Place, spoke.

Patrick Darcy, 3117 Chapel Hill Road, spoke.

Julie Purcell, a retired engineering teacher for the Columbia Area Career Center, provided a handout and spoke.

Bruce Davis, 1701 S. Fairview Road, spoke.

Vicki Edwards, a resident at the impacted intersection, spoke.

Dave Nichols, a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Gary Coles, 1805 Chapel Wood Road, spoke.

Yohanda Shul, a resident of the Wolf Creek Neighborhood, spoke.

Kenneth Dean, 1906 S. Fairview Road, spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Mary Davis, 1701 S. Fairview Road, spoke.

Jacqueline Kelly, 2700 Chapel Wood Terrace, spoke.

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

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the construction of the Fairview Road and Chapel Hill Road roundabout project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by roll call vote with Council Member Lovelady, Council Member Foster, Council Member Waterman, Council Member Peters, Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Knoth, and Council Member Proffitt voting yes.

PH7-24 Proposed construction of improvements at North Village Park located on the east side of Orr Street and south side of Park Avenue.

B53-24 Naming North Village Park; approving the North Village Park Master Plan; authorizing construction of improvements at North Village Park; 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, and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Chris Cady, 2108 Smiley Lane, indicated he was an Environmental Specialist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Environment Remediation Program and spoke.

Tootie Burns, a Park Committee Member with studio space at Orr Street Studios, 106 Orr Street, spoke.

Karen Sicheneder, a representative of Services for Independent Living, spoke.

Mike Nolan, the Senior Market Director of FPC Live which operated the Blue Note and Rose Music Hall, spoke.

Nickie Davis, indicated she was with The District at 11 S. Tenth Street and spoke.

Tanner Ott, the manager of many properties around the downtown, spoke.

Anna Meyer, owner of Range Free Bakery at 110 Orr Street, spoke.

Anthony Willroth, a downtown business owner, spoke.

Matt Wright, a First Ward resident, spoke.

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

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B53-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

PH8-24 Consider the FY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).
R66-24 Approving the FY 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk, and the resolution was read by the City Clerk.
Housing Programs Manager Jennifer Deaver 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.
The Council made comments.

R66-24 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

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 third reading by the City Clerk.
Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.
Matthew Kriete, 1113 Fay Street, a civil engineer with Engineering Surveys and Services, spoke.
John Hancock, 2101 Corona Road, spoke.
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
The Council made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend B286-23 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice.

B286-23, as amended, was given fourth reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B45-24 Voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Olivet Road; establishing permanent District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) and District R-2 (Two-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.
Jay Gebhardt, a civil engineer with A Civil Group, indicated he was representing Marilyn Brown and her two sons, Devin and Kevin, and spoke.
Richard Kiley, 1120 S. Olivet Road, spoke.
Tony Mayfield, 6901 E. Summers Lane, spoke.
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
Donna Riley Smith, 7117 E. Summers Lane, spoke.
Devin Brown indicated he was a property owner and spoke.
The Council asked further questions.
B45-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B54-24 Authorizing a real estate contract with Aspire Rentals, LLC for the acquisition of property located at 403 N. Fifth Street to provide for the expansion of Douglass Park.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.
Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report.
Susan Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
The Council made comments.
B54-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, KNOTH, PROFFITT. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

B46-24 Rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Garth Avenue and Sexton Road (611 N. Garth Avenue) from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-OF (Mixed-Use Office).

- B47-24** Approving the Final Plat of “Jesus House Subdivision, Plat 1” located on the southwest corner of Garth Avenue and Sexton Road (611 N. Garth Avenue); authorizing a performance contract.
- B48-24** Rezoning property located on the west and east sides of Alpine Drive and north of Brown Station Road from District I-G (Industrial) and District R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling) to District R-MF (Multi-Family Dwelling).
- B49-24** Accepting an emergency service turn around and access easement from Willy Investments, LLC and Coats St. LLC for property located on the east side of Alpine Drive and north of Brown Station Road; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyance.
- B50-24** Changing the name of “Goldfinch Loop” and “Goldfinch Court” to “Kestrel Loop” and “Kestrel Court”; directing the City Clerk to record a certified copy of the ordinance.
- B51-24** Authorizing replacement and improvement of public storm drainage infrastructure on Ross Street and William Street; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B52-24** Authorizing the acquisition of four (4) additional easements for construction of stormwater improvements on Calvert Drive, Sylvan Lane and Vandiver Drive, and construction of sanitary sewer improvements on Calvert Drive.
- R56-24** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of roadway, intersection, sidewalk, and bridge improvements along Forum Boulevard between Chapel Hill Road and Woodrail Avenue.
- R57-24** Authorizing application to the Missouri Division of Tourism for the FY 2025 Cooperative Marketing Program to broaden countywide marketing efforts.
- R58-24** Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to grant permission to commercial and industrial electric customers to participate in emergency demand response resource programs implemented and administered by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and approving the form of such authorization.
- R59-24** Authorizing a second amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1055.
- R60-24** Authorizing a support subscription service agreement with AllMax Software, LLC for work order management and asset tracking of equipment at the City’s wastewater treatment plant to provide for scheduled and preventative maintenance.
- R61-24** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with HDR Engineering Inc. to update the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the City’s sanitary sewer and storm water utilities.
- R62-24** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with Columbia Art League for the 2024 Art in the Park event.
- R63-24** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with FPC LIVE, LLC for a Central Bank Downtown Live outdoor concert event on Ninth Street.
- R64-24** Authorizing application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources - Air Pollution Control Program for a climate pollution reduction grant for implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at the Armory Sports and Recreation Center.
- R65-24** Authorizing a school affiliation agreement with CH Allied Services, Inc., d/b/a Boone Hospital Center, on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates, including Boone Physician Services, LLC and CHAS Physician Services, LLC, to provide clinical experience for firefighters training for emergency medical services certification.

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

- B55-24** Rezoning property located on the northeast corner of Allen Lane and Vandiver Drive (2000 Allen Lane) from District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) and District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood) to District R-MF (Multi-Family Dwelling) and District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor).
- B56-24** Approving the Final Plat of “Cosmo Park Subdivision Plat 1” located on the northeast corner of Stadium Boulevard (Route E) and Business Loop 70 West.

- B57-24** Vacating a portion of a utility easement on Lot 1 within Columbia Fire Station No. 5, and portions of utility easements on Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21 within Mataora Subdivision - Plat #2, located north of Ria Street and west of Ballenger Lane.
- B58-24** Authorizing a cost share request agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation for a tree planting project on City-owned property located near the intersection of Garth Avenue and Sexton Road.
- B59-24** Authorizing construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalk at the intersection of Route K and Old Plank Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B60-24** Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalk at the intersection of Route K and Old Plank Road.
- B61-24** Accepting conveyances for sewer, utility, underground utility, and drainage and utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B62-24** Authorizing an affordable housing funding agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia and Providence Walkway Housing Development Group, LP for the issuance of ARPA funds relating to the Providence Walkway development project located on the west side of Providence Road; approving certain documents; directing the City Clerk to record a deed of trust.
- B63-24** Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for epidemiology and laboratory capacity community health worker initiative program services.
- B64-24** Authorizing a subrecipient monitoring agreement with Boone County, Missouri relating to acceptance of the FY 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award to purchase replacement radios for the Police Department.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP15-24 Woodstock Mobile Home Park - Request to Waive Required Annexation.
 Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report.
 The issue was discussed and Council asked staff to work with the property owner on an annexation agreement that would defer some of the costs associated with the annexation in a phased manner.

REP16-24 Recommendations regarding the City of Columbia New Century Fund.
 Trust Administrator John Baker provided a staff report.
 The issue was discussed and the Council asked staff to develop alternative options for this Board as suggested in the staff report.

REP17-24 Community Foundation of Central Missouri 2024 Report.
 Trust Administrator John Baker provided a staff report.

REP18-24 Comprehensive GoCOMO Transit Study and Operations Update.
 Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

REP19-24 Asset Forfeiture Program.
 Police Chief Jill Schlude provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

REP20-24 FY 2024 Bond Report.
 A handout with updated information was provided to the Council, and Finance Director Matthew Lue and Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald responded to Council questions and comments.

REP21-24 Monthly Finance Report.
 Finance Director Matthew Lue provided a staff report, and he and Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald responded to Council questions and comments.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Chriss Jones, a representative of Hold CoMo Accountable, spoke about the criminal justice system and asset forfeiture issues when people were not charged or found guilty of crimes along with need for the City to ask the Missouri Highway Patrol to investigate the situation Merdhad Fotoohigiam mentioned during scheduled public comments.

Mike Martin, 206 S. Glenwood Avenue, spoke about the cleanup of homeless encampments on private properties and suggested sanitation be included in the services for which the City contracted as he believed that was the cause of the very visible issues involved with the homeless community.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding the Room at the Inn homeless shelter and suggested encampments be allowed there.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include appreciation of the audit report and the associated score, the fact there would be a public input meeting at 411 W. Broadway regarding the use of the McKinney Building this Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., appreciation for transit drivers, the fact the Youth Advisory Council would hold a mini youth summit on April 7, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the ARC and a request for youth to attend the event, the definition of affordable housing in terms of median income, an update regarding the hiring or contracting for co-responders for the Police Department, an update on roll carts, appreciation for staff following up on various requests of the Council, the fact curbside recycling had started this week on an every other week basis, appreciation for staff obtaining a Reconnecting Communities grant to help plan improvements on the Business Loop, the process moving forward if the Ward 1 Council Member were to be recalled at the upcoming election, and the need to proceed with the co-responder program even if it was initially a pilot with interim opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk