

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
JUNE 17, 2024**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 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, and Council Member LISA E.A. MEYER 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 June 3, 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**

Mayor Buffaloe noted a citizen had asked that B132-24 be removed from the consent agenda. The agenda, including the consent agenda with B132-24 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Meyer.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**SI8-24**      American Public Power Association – Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) Award.  
John Twitty, the President and CEO of the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA), spoke and presented the RP3 Award to the City of Columbia.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODES COMMISSION

Schrieber III, Robert, 1804 Gypsy Moth Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire August 1, 2024

COLUMBIA AND BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD

Christensen, Seth, 1648 Highridge Circle, Ward 4, Term to expire June 30, 2027

Pringle, Travis, 2908 Burrwood Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire June 30, 2027

COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Sinclair, Olivia, 702 Wilkes Boulevard (mailing address), Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2028

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Nolte, Kate, 108 N. Glenwood Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire October 31, 2025

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART

Scheppers, Jamie, 501 S. Cedar Lake Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire July 1, 2027

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION BOARD

Ascani, Rikki, 11 Fourth Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire December 1, 2027

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Walters, Robert, 2704 Vail Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire May 31, 2027

WATER AND LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD

Coleman, Jennifer, 1507 Morning Dove Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire June 30, 2028

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Munter, Harvey, Ward 4, Term to expire June 1, 2027

Shetty, Aanya, Boone County, Term to expire June 1, 2027

## **SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC33-24** Dr. Brittany Fatoma - The lack of accountability on education and its impact on economic mobility, early literacy, housing, and jobs.

Brittany Fatoma spoke.

**SPC34-24** Jim Windsor - Ask the Water and Light Advisory Board and City staff to provide a more in-depth proposal for FY25 water rate increase.

Jim Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, spoke.

**SPC35-24** William Bond - Concerns on trash pick up at Campus Lodge.

William Bond, Property Manager of Campus Lodge and other properties, and Jesse Kiefer, Maintenance Supervisor of Campus Lodge and other properties, spoke.

**SPC36-24** Lisa Schwartz - The role of the City Council in establishing policies to enhance Columbia's reputation as a "Green City."

Lisa Schwartz, 509 W. Broadway, a 100% Coalition member, spoke.

**SPC37-24** Tanya Heath - Support the police and how we can each take an active role in making our community safer.

Tanya Heath, a Fourth Ward resident, spoke.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH21-24** Proposed construction of the Municipal Services Center - South facility and salt storage building to be located on the west side of Sinclair Road and south of Nifong Boulevard.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

There being no 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 Municipal Services Center – South Facility and salt storage building to be located on the west side of Sinclair Road and south of Nifong Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**PH22-24** Consider the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.

**R117-24** Approving the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.

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 she and Housing and Neighborhood Services Director Becky Thompson responded to Council questions.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Brittany Fatoma spoke.

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

The Council asked questions and made comments.

R117-24 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, MEYER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**B129-24** Voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Olivet Road and south of Richland Road; establishing permanent District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) zoning.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and he and Public Works Director Shane Creech responded to Council questions.

Tim Crockett of Crockett Engineering Consultants with offices at 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Dee Dokken, a First Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B129-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, MEYER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B132-24** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Utilities Department; amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget Appendix – Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary.

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 representing the COMO Safe Water Coalition, spoke.

B132-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, MEYER. 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.

**B130-24** Rezoning property located on the north side of St. Charles Road and east of Talon Road (5301 E. St. Charles Road) from District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) to District R-MF (Multi-Family Dwelling).

**B131-24** Amending Ordinance No. 025620 to correct a scrivener's error as it relates to the legal description associated with the Route K and Old Plank Road roundabout and sidewalk project; authorizing the acquisition of an additional easement.

**B133-24** Accepting a conveyance for underground electric utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

**B134-24** Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2024 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me STATE GAMES.

**B135-24** Authorizing renewal of a contractual service agreement with the State of Missouri Children's Trust Fund for child abuse prevention projects through the Brighter Beginnings home-visiting collective impact initiative.

**B136-24** Authorizing a participation agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services relating to state investment in local public health services; authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Health Services Initiatives (H.S.I.).

**B137-24** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by transferring funds for safety and security enhancements to the Sanford-Kimpton Building.

**B138-24** Authorizing an agreement for professional services with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for the Boomerang Program marketing campaign relating to workforce development.

**B139-24** Granting a waiver and design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Ridgeway Subdivision Plat 2 for sidewalk construction along a portion of the east side of Greenwood Avenue.

**B140-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Ridgeway Subdivision Plat 2" located on the east side of Greenwood Avenue and north of Broadway; authorizing a performance contract.

**R114-24** Authorizing a third amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1055.

**R115-24** Authorizing a Software as a Service (SaaS) agreement with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. for subscription to a police officer scheduling system.

**R116-24** Authorizing a services agreement with FARO Technologies, Inc. for subscription to Zone 3D Expert software to be used by the Police Department for crime scene and traffic crash mapping.

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, MEYER. 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.

**B141-24** Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Richland Estates No. 2" located on the west side of Olivet Road and south of Richland Road; authorizing a development agreement with Richland Olivet Farm, L.L.C.; directing the City Clerk to record the development agreement.

- B142-24** Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Preliminary Plat of Springbrook Crossing North located on the northwest corner of State Farm Parkway and Veterans United Drive relating to curvature standards for a collector street.
- B143-24** Approving the Preliminary Plat of “Springbrook Crossing North” located on the northwest corner of State Farm Parkway and Veterans United Drive; authorizing a development agreement; directing the City Clerk to record the development agreement.
- B144-24** Approving a major amendment to the PD Planned Development of “The Kitchen & Discovery Offices” located on the west side of Discovery Parkway and south of Endeavor Avenue (3701 Discovery Parkway).
- B145-24** Authorizing Amendment No. 4 to the 2017 Master Services Agreement with N. Harris Computer Corporation, on behalf of its division Advanced Utility Systems, to incorporate bilingual bill prints and notices as part of the utility billing software.
- B146-24** Accepting conveyances for electric utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B147-24** Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to establish procedures for reimbursement of overtime and other expenses related to participation in the ATF Task Force.
- B148-24** Authorizing a contract agreement with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Healthy Families America - Home Visiting program services.
- B149-24** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the name, purpose, and objectives of the Substance Abuse Advisory Commission.
- B150-24** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the duties and membership requirements of the Public Transportation Advisory Commission.

**REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

**REP40-24** Donation of Piano.

Cultural Affairs Manager Sarah Dresser provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions. Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to authorize staff to bring forward the appropriate legislation to proceed with the acceptance of the piano. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved by voice vote with only Council Member Waterman voting no.

**REP41-24** Correspondence from the Commission on Cultural Affairs - Artist Nick Cave Recognition.

Cultural Affairs Manager Sarah Dresser provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments. Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for the Commission on Cultural Affairs to provide a report to Council with options to recognize Nick Cave along with estimated costs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP42-24** Monthly Finance Report.

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

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident representing Hold CoMo Accountable, quoted *Fragile Neighborhoods: Repairing American Society, One Zip Code at a Time* by Seth Kaplan, which discussed societal hierarchies and those connections in terms of rising out of poverty, and spoke about the need for housing that lower income people could afford along with the need to desegregate neighborhoods.

Renee Carter, representing Race Matters, Friends, referred to a KOMU news story that reported on the deaths of two people with mental health issues and spoke about the need for changes within the Police Department, such as following PERF policies and to be better trained to deal with mental health condition calls for better outcomes, better transparency, and a welfare check policy.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding water quality due to plastics and its impact on young people, 3M being renamed, the need for security due to homeless deaths, and a request for the fence in the park across from Wilkes Boulevard and Range Line Street to be painted.

Maria Oropallo, a Fourth Ward resident and the Interim Chair of the Finance Advisory and Audit Committee, spoke about the benefits of increasing the number of members from five to seven due to the expertise of the additional members.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the Mayor's Task Force on Community Violence report and the need to review it again as it might help to provide a foundation to begin their work on addressing community violence, the great Juneteenth events that had been held thus far along with those that were upcoming, it being Pride Month, having a representative on the Columbia City Council, Council Member Roy Lovelady, who was a free, gay, black man, encouraging people to read the CAPER as it was educational in terms of what was being done to address housing citywide, the fact Exhibit A, which was the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds, was also very educational, the 20.5 percent increases in pay for police officers since 2021 along with the fact the City's philosophy had changed to try to lead the market in terms of pay and benefits, the support of the police by the City Council and the fact that over 50 percent of the general fund went toward public safety and over half of that amount went to the Police Department, the fact there had always been enough budgeted for the Police Department to be fully staffed, the graduation of 10 Columbia police officers from the Law Enforcement Training Institute (LETI) last week who were moving on to field training and eight more that would soon participate in LETI, the fact there were 42 total people that graduated from LETI, thanks to staff for their help with coordinating the Juneteenth events, the request for a report regarding commercial solid waste issues that was discussed by the Campus Lodge representatives along with potential solutions, an issue with solid waste services at Park de Ville, the status of the housing study, the need to encourage mixed and/or inclusionary zoning versus solid zoning and when that conversation might be able to begin, a request for a report as to what the Planning and Zoning Commission might be doing in that regard along with the outcomes expected from the housing study, a thank you to Dr. Kevin McPartland, Reverend James Gray, and the student assistants for a beautiful memorial service at the Columbia Cemetery for U.S. Colored Troops this past Sunday, the benefits of music in connection with the donated piano, the request for a staff response regarding the property tax issue associated with the water treatment plant, and the status of the recommendations from the Water and Light Advisory Board with regard to renewable energy goals and potential ordinance changes.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk