

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
JULY 1, 2024**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 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 DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member LISA E.A. MEYER, and Council Member ROY LOVELADY were present. Council Member NICK FOSTER was absent. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, Deputy City Clerk Holly Alexander, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2024 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waterman.

**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 Waterman.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC38-24** Donald Weaver, as General Counsel to the Columbia Police Officers Association - CPOA request that Council, by the end of this fiscal year, commit to a 5-year plan that will: (1) rescue the police pension; (2) ensure it is removed from the Governor's watch list; (3) and achieve a funding ratio of at least 80%.

Donald Weaver spoke on behalf of the Columbia Police Officers Association.

**SPC39-24** Emily Piontek - Meeting renewable energy goals and incentivizing city residents to go solar via a Solarize campaign, which is an effort that can be led by a local government and involves community organizations, solar businesses, and others in signing up groups of residents to bulk-buy solar in order to earn cost savings on the panels and to get more residents to invest.

Emily Piontek, a participant of the 100% by 2030 Coalition, spoke.

**SPC40-24** Margaret McConnell - The need for Emergency Overnight Cooling Centers.

Margaret McConnell, a resident, a member of Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church, and a member of CoMo Mobile Aid Collective, spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**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.

The bill was given second reading by the Deputy City Clerk.

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

Tim Crockett with Crockett Engineering, 1000 W. Nifong Boulevard, spoke.

Spencer Train, a resident, spoke.

Pablo Bolados, a resident, provided a handout and spoke.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B141-24 was given third reading by the Deputy City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, MEYER, LOVELADY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: FOSTER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 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.
- R118-24** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a vehicle wash bay facility at the City of Columbia sanitary landfill.
- R119-24** Setting a public hearing: proposed annexation of property located on the northwest corner of Brown School Road and Highway 763 (1003 E. Brown School Road).
- R120-24** Setting a public hearing: consider the Water and Light 2024 Renewable Energy Plan.
- R121-24** Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Project Plan for the City of Columbia, Missouri.
- R122-24** Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2025-2029 Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.
- R123-24** Authorizing an agreement with CH Allied Services, Inc. to establish guidelines of cooperation relating to the Fire Department's first response emergency medical care, basic life support, and advanced life support services.
- R124-24** Authorizing a special event operations agreement with The Boone County Fair, Inc. for the 2024 Boone County Fair event on City-owned property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road, generally northeast of the Brown School Road and Highway 63 interchange (5212 N. Oakland Gravel Road).
- R125-24** Authorizing a second amendment to the CDBG grant agreement with Job Point for renovations to the facility located at 400 Wilkes Boulevard.
- R126-24** Authorizing an intelligent transportation systems agreement with ETA Phi Systems, Inc. for transit vehicle location software; authorizing an agreement with Passio Technologies, LLC for paratransit service scheduling software; authorizing an agreement with Urban Transportation Associates, Inc. for transit vehicle automated passenger counting software.
- R127-24** Authorizing an agreement for professional architectural services with Michael K. Swim, Consulting Engineer, Inc. for design development and construction administration for improvements to the Sanford-Kimpton Building located at 1005 W. Worley Street.
- R128-24** Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to execute copier lease and maintenance agreements with GFI Digital, Inc. for the replacement of equipment at the Columbia Regional Airport.

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

- B151-24** Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to add a new Division 3 to establish business licensing regulations for short-term rentals.
- B152-24** Amending Chapter 26 of the City Code relating to taxation of hotels and motels.
- B153-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Copperstone Corner Plat 1" located on the south side of Vawter School Road and east of Scott Boulevard; authorizing a performance contract; authorizing a development agreement; directing the City Clerk to record the development agreement.
- B154-24** Approving the PD Plan of "Diventures of Columbia" located on the south side of Vawter School Road and east of Scott Boulevard; approving a statement of intent; setting forth a condition for approval to impose construction restrictions.
- B155-24** Granting a waiver and design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Bever Estate for sidewalk construction along a portion of the north side of Barberry Avenue.
- B156-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Bever Estate" located on the north side of Barberry Avenue and west of Grayson Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B157-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Spring Brook Park, Plat No. 1" located on the west side of State Farm Parkway and north of Veterans United Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B158-24** Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for integrated shuttle bus service on campus for the 2024-25 academic year.
- B159-24** Authorizing a mutual aid agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA).
- B160-24** Authorizing a second amendment to the PCS antenna agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC for the installation of a backup generator for existing cellular equipment located at the Walnut Street water tower site (15 E. Walnut Street).
- B161-24** Accepting conveyances for sewer, electric utility, and water purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B162-24** Approving and ratifying an inspections participation agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the 2024 summer food/at-risk after-school meal programs.
- B163-24** Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of University of Missouri Health Care, to establish guidelines of cooperation relating to the Fire Department's first response emergency medical care, basic life support, and advanced life support services.
- B164-24** Authorizing a first amendment to the affordable housing funding agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia and the Kinney Point Housing Development Group, LP for the issuance of HOME-ARP funds relating to the Kinney Point development project located northeast of the Garth Avenue and Sexton Road intersection; authorizing a subordination agreement; authorizing a deed of release; directing the City Clerk to record the deed of release; approving certain documents; directing the City Clerk to record a deed of trust.
- B165-24** Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget for third quarter appropriation of funds.

## REPORTS AND PETITIONS

**REP43-24** Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) - FY 2025 Annual Budget.

Mayor Buffaloe explained this report was required to be provided by state statute.

**REP44-24** Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) - FY 2025 Annual Budget.

Mayor Buffaloe explained this report was required to be provided by state statute.

**REP45-24** Conference Center Feasibility Study.

Convention and Visitors Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

## COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about toxins in the water supply along with the need to address that issue, and improvements at the park at the corner of Range Line Street and Wilkes Boulevard, to include water fountains, spray grounds for cooling purposes, and trash cans.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke on behalf of Hold CoMo Accountable regarding the need to help those who were most in need versus making the rich richer, the fact housing was a human right, and her disappointment in the vote of Council tonight during a housing crisis.

Jim Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, spoke about the proposed water rate increase, which he did not feel was necessary due to the funds collected with the annexation of the water plant.

Brittany Fatoma spoke regarding the need to assist the most marginalized person in the room because everyone would benefit when that person benefitted, and felt education should be the focus as the lack of education caused increases in crime and impacted economic mobility.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include asking people to think about Independence Day this coming Thursday and its outcome in terms of our government, the status of cooling centers within Columbia, including reaching out to Turning Point and being informed of operational times so the check-in times were not too early, and the lack of sidewalk ordinances and policies.

Council Member Meyer made a motion for a report regarding sidewalk policies, design, maintenance, and preservation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Buffaloe. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council and staff continued discussing various topics to include the timeline for a response regarding the water treatment plant annexation issue, whether staff has looked into a solarized campaign, the Grants Pass ruling by the Supreme Court and its potential impact, and appreciation for Police Lieutenant Alpers' kindness by a resident.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk