

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 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 (left the meeting at approximately 10:20 p.m.), Council Member DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member VALERIE CARROLL, 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 September 16, 2024 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Lovelady.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Buffaloe explained a citizen had asked for B228-24 to be removed from the consent agenda and that staff had asked for R175-24 to be removed from the consent agenda.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B228-24 being moved to old business and R175-24 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Foster.

SPECIAL ITEMS

SI14-24 Resolution of Appreciation - Stephanie Browning, Public Health and Human Services Director.

Mayor Buffaloe asked outgoing Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning, to join her at the podium and presented her with a resolution of appreciation signed by the City Council. Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning made some comments.

SI15-24 Swearing in of Rebecca Roesslet as the Director of Public Health and Human Services of the City of Columbia.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Rebecca Roesslet as the Director of Public Health and Human Services for the City of Columbia.

SI16-24 Presentation of Capture CoMo Finalists.

Mayor Buffaloe recognized Kristina Wolf, Randy Hughes, and Kayla Terry, whose photos were chosen for use in the FY 2025 budget document, and presented them with a framed copy of their respective photos.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Brodsky, David, 101 Orr Street, Apt. 204, Ward 1, Term to expire May 31, 2028

Ortiz, McKenzie, 1619 Wilson Avenue, Apt. A, Ward 6, Term to expire May 31, 2027

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC50-24 Bonnie Steinmetz - Request for two ordinances: no pedestrians remaining at intersections or medians due to traffic safety risks and shopping carts either vacated or in possession of someone away from a business that owns similar shopping carts will be addressed as litter/trash or possible theft.

Bonnie Steinmetz spoke on behalf of the CoMo Renewal Project.

SPC51-24 Dick Parker - Renewable Energy RFP.

Dick Parker, 215 W. Sexton Road, spoke.

SPC52-24 Julie Ryan, COMO Safe Water Coalition - It is time to end water fluoridation in Columbia with recent court ruling.

Julie Ryan spoke on behalf of the COMO Safe Water Coalition.

SPC53-24 Chris Wuebker - Gans Creek Recreation Area Bike Trail Proposals.
Chris Wuebker spoke.

SPC54-24 Sutu Forte - Columbia's own Runge Center.
Sutu Forte spoke.

SPC55-24 Jack Meinzenbach - Climate Tipping Points; recommend City Council give priority to renewable energy transition, include FY25 budget and assign an Energy Transition Manager.
Jack Meinzenbach spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

B235-24 Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code to add a new Article IV establishing law enforcement surveillance oversight regulations.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Police Chief Jill Schlude provided a staff report, and she, Jonathan Paz, a representative of the Flock Group, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood responded to Council questions and comments.

Anthony Willroth spoke on behalf of Hold CoMo Accountable.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter spoke on behalf of Race Matters, Friends.

Jeanne Locklear, 4400 Thornbrook Ridge, spoke.

Joe Muscato spoke.

Demetria Stephens, a Third Ward resident, spoke.

James Roark-Gruender, 1108 Business Loop 70 East, spoke.

Jen Harper, a Sixth Ward resident, spoke.

December Harmon spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B235-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B236-24 Authorizing a master services agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for the purchase of camera systems for the Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Police Chief Jill Schlude and Jonathan Paz, a representative of the Flock Group, provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

Anthony Willroth spoke on behalf of Hold CoMo Accountable.

Dan Viets, 15 N. Tenth Street, spoke on behalf of the Mid-Missouri Civil Liberties Association.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Bonnie Jo Laughlin spoke.

John Fields, the Columbia/Boone County Crimestoppers Board President, spoke.

Herb Watchinski, President of Columbia Neighborhood Watch, spoke.

James Roark-Gruender with Passions Adult Boutique, 1108 Business Loop 70 East, spoke.

Jen Harper, a Sixth Ward resident, spoke.

Susan Maze, a First Ward resident, spoke.

Matt McCormick, President of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, spoke.

Joe Muscato spoke.

Jeanne Locklear, 4400 Thornbrook Ridge, spoke.

Lily Dunn, a First Ward resident, spoke.

Demetria Stephens, a Third Ward resident, spoke.

Nickie Davis, Executive Director of the Downtown CID, spoke.

Shawna Nuener, the Government Affairs Chair for the Columbia Board of Realtors, spoke.

Susan Renee Carter spoke on behalf of Race Matters, Friends.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

Rod Perry, a Fourth Ward resident, spoke.

Harry Castilow, a Fifth Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B236-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, MEYER. VOTING NO: LOVELADY, CARROLL. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B228-24 Authorizing construction of one (1) new 69 kV bus at the Bolstad Substation to provide for generation interconnection to the Boone Stephens solar facility; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report.

Council Member Foster left the meeting during the staff report on this item.

B228-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER. 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 City Clerk.

B227-24 Authorizing neighborhood access and equity program agreements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and the United States Department of Transportation for the I-70 Business Loop corridor study.

B229-24 Authorizing construction of the North Eighth Street Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #38 sanitary sewer improvement project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.

B230-24 Authorizing amendments to the Home Performance with Energy Star® participating contractor agreement; authorizing the City Manager, or the Manager's designee, to enter into agreements with qualifying contractors relating to the Home Performance with Energy Star® program.

B231-24 Accepting conveyances for sewer, temporary construction, underground electric utility, street, and utility and drainage purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.

B232-24 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for overdose data to action program services.

B233-24 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the issuance of birth and death certificates and associated information technology activities.

B234-24 Amending the FY 2024 Annual Budget by appropriating funds received from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for repairs and upgrades to the Thomas G. Walton Building.

R170-24 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of new Alluvial Well 10A to serve the McBaine Water Treatment Plant.

R171-24 Setting a public hearing: consider approval of the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan.

R172-24 Authorizing a second amendment to the agreement with Destiny of H.O.P.E. for community-based mentoring, positive youth development, site-based mentoring, peer support, and family therapy services.

R173-24 Authorizing a sidewalk renovation agreement with Holt Investment Properties LLC for reconstruction of sidewalk adjacent to property located at 118 S. Ninth Street.

R174-24 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Engineering Surveys & Services for design-build plan review associated with the I-70 and US 63 interchange reconstruction project.

R176-24 Authorizing a second amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 955.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R175-24 Affirming the certified facts of the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services declaring the structure located at 21 Pendleton Street is a nuisance; ordering the City Manager to provide for the demolition of such structure; authorizing a special tax bill against the property.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Housing and Neighborhood Services Director Rebecca Thompson provided a staff report, and responded to Council comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to table R175-24 to the December 2, 2024 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- PR177-24** Establishing a revised Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding policy; establishing a review process for annual CDBG and HOME funding requests.
- B237-24** Repealing Division 5 within Article V of Chapter 2 of the City Code, which established the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council.
- B238-24** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Oscar and Gloria Ignacio to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 4105 Glenview Court; providing a severability clause.
- B239-24** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Randall F. Kilgore to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 804 Fairway Drive; providing a severability clause.
- B240-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Destiny Worship Center Subdivision" located at the southern terminus of Prairie Ridge Street and south of Weymeyer Drive (4914 Prairie Ridge Street); authorizing a performance contract.
- B241-24** Authorizing assignment of easement rights from Boone County Regional Sewer District relating to a sewer extension project located on the east side of Route Z and north of I-70; directing the City Clerk to record the assignment.
- B242-24** Authorizing a first amendment to the HOME funding agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia for property located at 207 Lynn Street.
- B243-24** Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for local public health disparities initiative program services.
- B244-24** Authorizing a subrecipient agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for implementation of a Boone County community paramedic program.
- B245-24** Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of fire apparatus.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

None.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Dee Dokken, a First Ward resident, spoke about concerns regarding improvements within the Gans Creek area.

James Roark-Gruender thanked the Council for trying to make the best decisions for the public, and suggested lobbying the State to limit video from systems like Flock from being subject to Sunshine Laws and not responding to certain types of warrants, such as those involving reproductive rights and transcare.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, agreed with the comments of James Roark-Gruender, and spoke about the need to spend time on other topics, such as violence prevention, her First Amendment rights, and concerns regarding the vote in support of the Flock system.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding security for the Flock system, bed bugs at Room at the Inn, and the denial of bathroom services at gas stations.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include thanking Stephanie Browning for her service, welcoming Rebecca Roesslet as the next Public Health and Human Services Director, the recent groundbreaking at Whitegate Park, the need to discuss the electric infrastructure, including transmission lines, the hope that Flock would benefit the community and be without any negative consequences, enjoying the recent Pride celebrations, participating in the no car challenge as it highlighted the need for public transportation, the need for a report regarding pedestrian safety in relation to the comments made earlier tonight by Bonnie Steinmetz, the desire for information regarding fluoride in water, Council Member Meyer's recent breast cancer diagnosis, encouraging women to obtain annual mammograms, encouraging everyone to live fully, the concerns with the upcoming project in the Gans Creek area mentioned earlier in the meeting by a few speakers, the need to continue to seek renewable energy via the RFP process, the scheduling of a special work session to discuss the Water and Light Advisory Board recommendations, the recent Love

Columbia and CMCA groundbreaking that were associated with affordable housing and the fact ARPA funds were provided for those projects, the spectrum associated with housing needs, such as transitional housing and downpayment assistance, the fact the City studies different initiatives and processes and the Flock system being an example of that, encouraging people to advocate for changes at the State level to allow communities to govern themselves, and Wednesday being the last day to register to vote.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk