

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 2, 2024**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 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: Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member VALERIE CARROLL, Council Member LISA E.A. MEYER, Council Member ROY LOVELADY, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member DON WATERMAN, and Council Member BETSY PETERS 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 November 18, 2024 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Meyer.

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 ITEMS

SI19-24 Special award presentation to City of Columbia Parks and Recreation from the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA).

Jennifer Rukstad, the MSHSAA Executive Director, and Craig Long, the MSHSAA Chief Financial and Operating Officer, presented Columbia Parks and Recreation with the 2024 Mal Mayse Distinguished Service Award for its exceptional commitment to providing high-quality facilities and services that promote youth sports and physical activity throughout Missouri.

SI20-24 Recognition of Civic Academy Fall 2024 Participants.

Mayor Buffaloe and City Manager De'Carlton Seewood recognized the graduates of the most recent Civic Academy. The graduates recognized were Eileen Avery, Suhsi Avula, Chrishama Butler, Sharon Bennett, Joseph Blanton, Brian Carl, Annie Eisenbeis, John Emery, Tanya Heath, Beth Kelly, Yolanda Hernandez, Shawna Johnson, Christina Heilman, Somin Kim, Janna Lancaster, Christina Logsdon, Mark Mills, Bob Slemmons, Leslie Nguyen, Brian Toohey, and Diamond Tabron.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC58-24 Traci Wilson-Kleekamp - Peculiar indifference, deferred maintenance at what cost?

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke.

SPC62-24 Terry Osthoff - Police presence and support outside the MU campus and in the downtown area.

Terry Osthoff, the parent of a University of Missouri student that was shot in early hours of November 10, spoke.

SPC63-24 David Bethel - Refuse collection in the Park DeVille Condominium Association.

David Bethel spoke.

SPC64-24 Sutu Forte - For the children?

Sutu Forte spoke.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH35-24 Proposed installation of traffic calming devices on Walnut Street between Old 63 and its eastern terminus.

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 and comments.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.
Scott Wallace, 222 Calvin Drive, spoke.
Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
Christine Doerr, 2510 Brookside Court, spoke.
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke.
Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.
There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.
The Council made comments.
Mayor Buffaloe made a motion authorizing staff to proceed with the installation of traffic calming devices on East Walnut Street between Old 63 and its eastern terminus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH36-24 Proposed construction of the West Broadway and Aldeah Avenue Private Common Collector Elimination (PCCE) #42 sanitary sewer improvement project.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.
Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report.
Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.
There being no comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.
The Council made comments.
Mayor Buffaloe made a motion authorizing staff to proceed with the final design of the proposed West Broadway and Aldeah Avenue PCCE #42 Sanitary Sewer improvement project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carroll and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH37-24 Proposed construction of Sanitary Sewer Project #11 for the rehabilitation of sewer pipe, sanitary structures and lateral connections in central areas of Columbia.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk.
Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and Assistant Utilities Director of Electric Erin Keys responded to Council questions and comments.
Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.
Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke.
Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.
Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.
There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.
The Council asked questions and made comments.
Mayor Buffaloe made a motion authorizing staff to proceed with the final scope of services for construction of the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation #11 project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster and approved unanimously by voice vote.

PH38-24 Proposed construction of the Albert-Oakland Park improvement project.

B279-24 Authorizing construction of the Albert-Oakland Park improvement project; 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 and comments.
Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.
Diane Rubenstein spoke on behalf of the Show-Me Pickleball Club.
Caroline Andriano spoke.
There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.
The Council asked questions and made comments.
B279-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE.
Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD 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 Becky Thompson provided a staff report

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for R175-24 to be withdrawn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B287-24 Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating federal asset forfeiture funds associated with the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system platform.

B288-24 Authorizing memorandums of understanding with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives associated with the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) system platform and correlation reviews of ballistic evidence entered into the NIBIN database.

The bills were given second reading by the City Clerk.

Police Chief Jill Schlude provided a staff report, and she and Assistant Police Chief Lance Bolinger responded to Council questions.

Chriss Jones, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B287-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B288-24 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. 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.

B272-24 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Jessica Yankee to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 121 N. West Boulevard; providing a severability clause.

B273-24 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to James and Betsy Waldman to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 316 N. West Boulevard; providing a severability clause.

B274-24 Approving the PD Planned Development of "Discovery Hotel - Lot 2" located on the north side of Nocona Parkway and south of Ponderosa Street; approving a revised statement of intent; setting forth a condition for approval to impose construction restrictions.

B275-24 Authorizing a first amendment to the annexation agreement with The Boone County Fire Protection District; directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded.

B276-24 Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for integrated shuttle bus service on campus for the 2025 spring semester.

B277-24 Accepting the full award of grant funds from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Calvert Drive stormwater detention project; authorizing a financial assistance agreement; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B278-24 Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with Boone County, Missouri and The Curators of the University of Missouri for surface water monitoring, sampling, and chloride regression model development as it relates to the Hinkson Creek collaborative adaptive management (CAM) implementation process.

B280-24 Authorizing application to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration and the Missouri Department of Transportation for airport capital assistance grants in 2025.

B281-24 Authorizing an FY 2025 grant agreement with the State of Missouri – Missouri Arts Council for community arts programs and services administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs.

B282-24 Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Community Land Trust, Inc. for administrative services.

B283-24 Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC local agency nutrition program services.

B284-24 Authorizing a first amendment to the 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.

- B285-24** Authorizing an affordable housing funding agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia associated with the Blind Boone Apartments project.
- B286-24** Authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Boone, Missouri relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2024 Local Solicitation.
- R210-24** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements at Stephens Lake Park.
- R211-24** Reappointing Cavanaugh Noce to the position of municipal judge.
- R212-24** Authorizing renewal of an agreement with Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc. to provide the Columbia Police Department access and use of a range facility for training purposes.
- R213-24** Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Neighborhood Watch to encourage neighborhood involvement and participation relating to crime prevention.
- R214-24** Authorizing a subscription and licensing agreement with Pen-Link, Ltd. for PLX software to be used by the Police Department for organizing and analyzing investigative data.
- R215-24** Authorizing a mortgagee consent and agreement in favor of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas associated with an equity interest pledge agreement for property owned by Hanover Gardens, L.P.
- R216-24** Authorizing a CDBG grant agreement with Job Point for vocational skills training services.
- R217-24** Authorizing a CDBG grant agreement with Central Missouri Community Action for technical assistance services to qualifying business owners and businesses.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R218-24 Authorizing an extension of the temporary closure of a portion of the sidewalk and parking lane on the south side of Walnut Street, and vehicular lane shifting on Walnut Street between Orr Street and Hubbell Drive, and the temporary closure of an alley located south of Walnut Street between Short Street and Tenth Street, to facilitate the construction of The Broadway Tower Two located at 1104 E. Walnut Street.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

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

The Council made comments.

R218-24 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, CARROLL, MEYER, LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B289-24** Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary for the Office of Sustainability; amending the FY 2025 Classification and Pay Plan to change a classification title.
- B290-24** Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary; amending the FY 2025 Classification and Pay Plan by adding, reassigning, consolidating, closing, and changing a classification title.
- B291-24** Rezoning property located on the south side of Smith Drive and west of Scott Boulevard from District R-1 (One-Family Dwelling) to District R-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling).
- B292-24** Approving the Final Plat of Oakwood Hills Subdivision, Block 6B located northeast of the intersection of Burrwood Drive and Rollingwood Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B293-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Westbury Village Plat 2" located on the east side of Dayspring Drive and north of Smith Drive; authorizing a performance contract.
- B294-24** Approving the Final Plat of "Ice Man, Plat No. 1" located on the north side of St. Charles Road and west of Grace Lane; authorizing a performance contract.
- B295-24** Accepting a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration for the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) rail resiliency and connectivity projects; authorizing the filing and execution of documents; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B296-24** Authorizing an agreement with the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission for grant management services associated with the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) rail resiliency and connectivity projects.
- B297-24** Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for an officer dedicated to hazardous moving violation enforcement.

- B298-24** Authorizing an agreement with The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia for tenant-based rental assistance services.
- B299-24** Authorizing construction of improvements at Stephens Lake Park; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B300-24** Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget for first quarter appropriation of funds.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP78-24 North 763 Community Improvement District - Board of Directors Membership.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to reappoint Roger Moser and Robert Walters to the North 763 CID Board of Directors to terms ending December 14, 2028, and to appoint Amy Dalton to the North 763 CID Board of Directors to a term ending December 14, 2026. The motion was seconded Council Member Meyer and approved by voice vote with everyone voting yes except Council Member Foster and Council Member Waterman who both stepped out during the vote.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about speed humps and the vulnerability of the homeless along with the need for empathy toward them.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include appreciation for the infrastructure projects that had come before them tonight, the fact 10,291 bags of litter had been picked up along roadways by volunteers last year, appreciation for volunteers, understanding the pedestrian safety report would come to the Council at its December 16 meeting and the sidewalk policy report would come to the Council in January, an update on body-worn cameras with automatic activation capabilities, which would be brought forward with a budget amendment potentially this Spring, the ability to purchase fried turkeys from the Rotary Club of Columbia, which provided over 150 turkeys to local social service organizations and the Columbia Fire Department and allowed support for various service organizations throughout the year, the ability to purchase a Christmas tree from the Downtown Optimist Club, which contributed to the work that organization did, primarily for children, a suggestion to listen to a story on KBIA regarding a new program at Room at the Inn that allowed for a case manager to assist people in finding their way toward more stability, the interactions within the Community Support Docket at the Municipal Court as people who were struggling were treated kindly and put in touch with support services, the continuation of the services of Cavanaugh Noce as the Municipal Judge, which had been approved as part of the consent agenda, Council Member Foster indicating he would be guided by the “common good” in his decision-making at the dais and encouraging others to do the same, appreciation for the multiple City departments and divisions that responded to this past Saturday’s snow event along with the patience of impacted community members, a request for an ordinance to come forward updating the membership on the Parking Advisory Commission (PAC), the scheduling of interviews for the Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB) and potentially starting a pre-council earlier to accommodate those interviews, and a reminder that Friday at 5:00 p.m. was the deadline to apply to serve on a city board or commission.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk