

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 21, 2025**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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 VALERIE CARROLL were present. Council Member LISA E.A. MEYER was absent. 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 January 6, 2025 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**

Council Member Carroll asked that B5-25 and B6-25 be removed from the consent agenda. The agenda, including the consent agenda with B5-25 and B6-25 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Foster.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

None.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

Joiner, Samantha, 2500 Highway Old 63 South, Apt. 1023, Ward 6, Term to expire August 31, 2025

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Avery, Eileen, 2204 Oak Harbor Court, Ward 5, Term to expire November 30, 2025

DISABILITIES COMMISSION

Simmerman, Alexis, 5107 Commercial Drive, Apt. D, Ward 5, Term to expire June 15, 2025

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

Jeffrey, Steven, 2813 Butternut Court, Ward 6, Term to expire December 31, 2026

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

King, Ryan, 3709 Dublin Avenue, Ward 4, Term to expire November 1, 2027

PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Jeffrey, Steven, 2813 Butternut Court, Ward 6, Term to expire February 1, 2028

Kvam, Kenny, 2604 Luan Court, Ward 4, Term to expire February 1, 2028

TREE BOARD

Bybee, Stephen, 205 Spring Valley Road, Ward 4, Term to expire January 31, 2028

Kyd, Michael, 2601 Aster Court, Ward 2, Term to expire January 31, 2028

Quackenbush, Patricia, 1806 George Court, Apt. B, Ward 2, Term to expire January 31, 2028

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

**B5-25** Granting a waiver and design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of LaFond Subdivision for sidewalk construction along portions of Green Ridge Road and Brown Station Road.

**B6-25** Approving the Final Plat of “LaFond Subdivision” located on the northeast corner of Green Ridge Road and Brown Station Road.

The bills were given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and he and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions and comments.

Kevin Schweikert indicated he worked for Brush and Associates Land Surveying Company and was the representative on the project, and stated sidewalk connectivity was unlikely since these subdivisions were built out and the sidewalk on Brown Station Road was over 900 feet away while the sidewalk along Blue Ridge Road was over 1,600 feet away.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

Council Member Carroll made a motion to amend B5-25 by adding a new Section 2 reading “The owner, in lieu of construction of sidewalks adjacent to the property located along portions of Green Ridge Road and Brown Station Road, shall pay to the City the equivalent of the cost of the sidewalk construction which has been determined to be \$41,394.00. The City shall hold such funds in escrow and may authorize, at the direction of the Director of Public Works, the use of such funds for the construction or maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to the property or within a one-mile radius of the perimeter of such property. The funds shall be used by the City for such purposes within a period of seven years following the payment into escrow by the owner. Any portion of the funds remaining in escrow at the expiration of seven years shall be returned to the then owner(s) of the property” and renumbering the remaining section. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters. After discussion, the motion was defeated by roll call vote with Council Member Carroll voting yes, Council Member Lovelady, Council Member Foster, Council Member Waterman, Council Member Peters, and Mayor Buffaloe voting no, and Council Member Meyer being absent.

The Council made additional comments.

B5-25 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE. VOTING NO: CARROLL. ABSENT: MEYER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B6-25 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: LOVELADY, FOSTER, WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: MEYER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B1-25** Calling the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, to elect Council Member-at-large (Mayor) and Council Members for Wards 3 and 4 for the City of Columbia.
- B2-25** Voluntary annexation of property located on the north side of Prathersville Road and east of Highway 763 (1591 E. Prathersville Road); establishing permanent District IG (Industrial) zoning.
- B3-25** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to John B. Hooker to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 208 Redwood Road; providing a severability clause.
- B4-25** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to John and Lauren Baxter to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 700 W. Green Meadows Road; providing a severability clause.
- B7-25** Authorizing construction of Sanitary Sewer Project #11 for the rehabilitation of sewer pipe, sanitary structures and lateral connections in central areas of Columbia.
- B8-25** Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds associated with the installation of an exterior door security access-control system at the Thomas G. Walton Building.
- R9-25** Consenting to the issuance of a state license for the sale of intoxicating liquor to Café Poland by Iwona LLC, d/b/a Café Poland by Iwona, located at 807 Locust Street.
- R10-25** Consenting to the issuance of a state license for the sale of intoxicating liquor to Next Step Investment LLC, d/b/a Silverball, located at 122 S. Ninth Street.
- R11-25** Authorizing application to Bloomberg Philanthropies for The Asphalt Art Initiative grant program for the installation of a proposed street mural and crosswalk public art project along the Elm Street corridor between Sixth Street and Ninth Street.
- R12-25** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with George L. Crawford & Associates, Inc. relating to development of a methodology for a Pedestrian Level of Comfort (PLOC) map associated with the City’s Vision Zero Program.

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

- B9-25** Authorizing an agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Missouri associated with the installation of solar/photovoltaic equipment at the Kinney Point Resource Center located at 7 E. Sexton Road.
- B10-25** Authorizing a contract of obligation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to satisfy financial assurance requirements for proper closure and post-closure care with respect to a permit for operation of a solid waste disposal area.
- B11-25** Accepting a conveyance for underground electric utility purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to record the conveyances.
- B12-25** Authorizing an agreement with Jefferson City, Missouri for mutual aid fire services.
- B13-25** Authorizing an agreement with Southern Boone County Fire Protection District for mutual aid fire services.
- B14-25** Authorizing Amendment No. 5 to the contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for epidemiology and laboratory capacity enhancing detection expansion program services.

## **REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

### **REP6-25** Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee Membership.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to appoint Jenn Jennings, Kathleen Murphy, and Kate Nolte to the Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lovelady and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **REP7-25** Citizens Police Review Board 2024 Annual Report.

City Counselor Nancy Thompson provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

### **REP8-25** Monthly Finance Report.

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

### **REP9-25** North 763 Community Improvement District (CID) - End of Fiscal Year (FY 2024) Report.

Mayor Buffaloe explained this report was provided as required by State Law.

## **COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Mark Heim, a representative of Mid-Missouri Peaceworks, stated concern for the attempt to deport millions of people, many who were law-abiding and hardworking residents of the Columbia community, and asked that the City adopt a policy that the Columbia Police Department not collaborate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or turn people over to ICE who were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Renee Carter, a Second Ward resident, felt the City needed to follow through with their policies and ordinances, including those that would make Columbia more walkable and bikable, and suggested a work session be held to discuss how to really meet the goals of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, thanked the volunteers at the Room at the Inn, felt people who were experts on mental illness were needed to assist those that might not be comfortable going to shelters, and discussed sidewalks.

Adam Morrison, President of the Columbia Disc Golf Club, stated Columbia would host the 2025 Disc Golf World Amateur Championships this fall and thanked everyone involved for their support.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the most recent weather event, snow and ice on neighborhood roads, an appeal to property owners to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice, appreciation for the discussion associated with B5-25 and B6-25 earlier this evening regarding sidewalks, thanks to the staff

that assisted with snow/ice removal along with those who worked in the elements, including utility workers, thanks to those volunteering at shelters and taking care of those who were most vulnerable, thanks to the citizens for their patience with this recent winter weather event, the fact that the issues Columbia was dealing with, such as housing affordability, access to housing, transportation infrastructure, and the polarization of people, were the same for most other communities across the United States, appreciation for the fact that some of the best practices that were working in certain U.S. cities were similar to those suggested in staff reports to the Council, such as some of the recommendations from the housing study, the comments of the outgoing Surgeon General at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting indicating the three essential elements that fueled fulfillment, which in turn could assist with loneliness and depression that people of all ages were experiencing, were relationships, service, and purpose, and an update on the policies, procedures, actions, and experiences related to the most recent winter weather event.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to return to the recessed closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall to discuss the preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups pursuant to Section 610.021(9) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster, and approved by roll call vote with Council Member Lovelady, Council Member Foster, Council Member Waterman, Council Member Peters, Mayor Buffaloe, and Council Member Carroll voting yes, and Council Member Meyer being absent.

The regular council meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:46 p.m., and the Council returned to the closed meeting that had previously been recessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk