



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, August 1, 2016
7:00 PM

Regular

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016, 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 Members TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER and PETERS were present. Council Member THOMAS was absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2016 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Ms. Nauser.

Upon her request, Mr. Trapp made a motion to allow Ms. Nauser to abstain from voting on R105-16 and R106-16. Ms. Nauser noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that the conflict was due to her family business as it involved alcohol sales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Upon his request, Mayor Treece made a motion to allow Mr. Ruffin to abstain from voting on B181-16. Mr. Ruffin noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that he was currently serving as President of the John William Boone Heritage Foundation, which was associated with one of the transfers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Trapp.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC37-16 Laura Mitchell - Race Matters, Friends - What is easy for white people not to know.

Ms. Mitchell, 1103 Jean Ray Drive, explained she had worked for 25 years in a non-profit clinic for the uninsured in another State, and their goal had been to treat every person that walked through the door with respect, regardless of income, race, sexual preference, or national origin. She stated she knew about racism, but felt how she treated people would counter it, and that it would be enough. She commented that she had moved to Columbia in 2014 for a job at the University of Missouri, and a part of that job was to listen to students talk about the stresses in their lives that were making it hard to succeed or stay in school. One day an African-American student came to her and stated

she had wished she had never come to the University of Missouri as she hated it and only wanted to get her degree so she could leave. Ms. Mitchell noted almost every African-American student she had spoken with, especially those from other cities, had been completely caught by surprise by experiences in Columbia. She understood they had been stared through like they were not there, had been the only student of color in their classes, had the N-word and other words shouted at them, etc. She pointed out she had heard these types of complaints for about a year before the student protest had begun. She commented that she had stopped by the protest encampment area and had asked a young woman what she could do to help, and was told she should talk to white people about racism. Ms. Mitchell explained that would be uncomfortable, and the student agreed, but noted some people like her had to deal with it all of the time. As a result of this conversation, Ms. Mitchell noted she started speaking about this issue with people she knew and a repeated response was that the students likely had a point, but questioned whether there was a need to be so confrontational, loud, and angry. People wanted inspiring speeches from Martin Luther King, Jr., and not angry, disruptive students. She thought they needed to find a way to listen to the message even when they did not like the delivery as she did not feel they could not judge since they had not walked in their shoes. She commented that she became involved in Race Matters, Friends, a few months later, and understood it could be overwhelming in terms of the history of slavery, mass incarcerations, shootings by police with almost no provocation, abuses of voting rights, inequality in education, etc. Race Matters, Friends, which mostly consisted of white people, was looking at difficult facts and speaking up. She noted African-Americans had been fighting this battle for over 50 years, and in spite of huge sacrifices, a lot of the changes since the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s had been superficial. In addition, the words of black and white citizens tended to be heard differently. Comments of blacks were many times dismissed as angry, impatient, or wanting special treatment. People tended to listen more to whites even though it was not their experience. She pointed out that not talking about racism made them complicit. She explained that growing up she had absorbed the idea that black men were dangerous to white women, property, and each other, and now understood that bias made it easy to look the other way when she knew the police were acting more aggressively toward black men on the street. She wondered who was more dangerous and whether her life and property were more important regardless of the cost. She commented that no black person could wake up and say they would not take on the struggle of racism that day, but she, on the other hand, had a choice. She explained she had spoken with a black co-worker, who had raised three sons in Columbia and had indicated each son had been stopped and questioned by police officers almost as soon as they had started driving. Her youngest son, who had bought a Cadillac and sometimes wore a hoodie, had been stopped frequently, and he essentially stopped going anywhere except for work and home. He now lived outside of Missouri where it was better. Ms. Mitchell asked the white citizens of Columbia to not look away from the fact that life was very different for them compared to people of color. She thought they should keep the issue of profiling and traffic stops in the public eye as she believed that was a good place to start. It was a quality of life issue as traffic stops often led to tickets, which led to fines or warrants if not paid, and potentially jail time. It could erode any chance for a better future for an individual. She stated they wanted police officers to obtain good training and to speak up about the challenges they faced in doing their jobs, and asked the City to find funds to increase the number of officers and for the adoption of community policing in the not too distant future.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH26-16 Construction of the Black Field improvement project at Thomas E. Atkins Jr. Memorial Park.

Discussion shown with B180-16.

B180-16 Authorizing construction of the Black Field improvement project at Thomas E. Atkins Jr. Memorial Park; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; authorizing a facility usage agreement with Columbia College; appropriating funds.

PH26-16 was read by the Clerk and B180-16 was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked for clarification regarding the location of this field. Mr. Griggs replied Atkins Park was adjacent to the Boone County Fairgrounds site.

Mayor Treece asked for the number of days Columbia College would have the fields in use for practices or for games. Mr. Griggs replied practice would likely be held daily through the fall and spring seasons, but they would be done by 5:00 p.m. so the field could then be used by others for games. He noted they had less than 12 home games per year. In addition, the City was in the process of adding two fields, which would make up for the loss of that field. Mayor Treece understood the ratio for use would be low in impact. Mr. Griggs stated that was correct.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Treece closed the public hearing.

Mr. Skala encouraged anyone that had not visited the Atkins Complex to do so as it was a tremendous asset, and noted he would enthusiastically support this partnership with Columbia College.

Mayor Treece made a motion to approve B180-16. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

B180-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES:

TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B138-16 Vacating a sanitary sewer easement located on the south side of the southern loop of Cliff Drive and north of Hinkson Creek (Case No. 16-109).

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters commented that she would like to delay this for another two weeks because some of the neighbors had not been able to attend tonight's meeting.

Paul Koenig explained he was the owner of the property and did not have any immediate plans for the property. He only wanted to have the property unencumbered by the easement since it was no longer used. He commented that he thought whatever was built would not be much different from the other homes in the area that had been built on the side of a hill.

Ms. Peters asked if it would be a problem to delay this issue for two weeks as that had been requested by a couple of the neighbors. Mr. Koenig replied he would be on vacation in two weeks and was not sure what questions the neighbors would have that would be relevant to the sewer easement vacation. Ms. Peters thought the neighbors had questions regarding the platting of the property in addition to what would be built.

Mr. Skala commented that he did not anticipate a problem, but thought it should be delayed as a courtesy to those that could not attend tonight unless it was an onerous burden.

Ms. Nauser asked if this property was already zoned R-1. Mr. Teddy replied yes. Ms. Nauser understood Mr. Koenig could only build within the scope of the R-1 zoning district, and that the existing structures in the area had sewer service. Mr. Teddy replied yes, and explained any new structure could connect to the new sewer line.

Ms. Nauser understood an issue at the last meeting was with regard to whether the

neighboring property was agreeable to the sewer easement being vacated as well, and asked if that had been resolved. Mr. Teddy replied yes.

Ms. Nauser stated she was confused as to the concerns of the neighbors since Mr. Koenig would only be able to build a home to the R-1 standards. She was not sure why they would delay this easement vacation.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Koenig how long he had owned the property. Mr. Koenig replied since January. Mayor Treece asked if it was a lot, and whether it had a lot number. He wondered if it had been platted. Mr. Koenig replied it had a parcel number.

Mayor Treece asked if it was technically a platted lot. Mr. Teddy replied it qualified as a lot under a provision in the subdivision code since it had recorded survey prior to the effective date of the ordinance. Mayor Treece asked when that survey had been conducted and recorded. Mr. Teddy replied the 1940s. He stated he thought the cutoff date was 1964. He pointed out the parcel had been reduced in size since the survey had been recorded as there had been a subsequent platting of the Perkins Addition 1 and 2 that had taken lots out of it. As a result the boundaries had been modified. In the very beginning, it had been a part of Lot 54 of East Highlands. He summarized there had been a very old platted lot at the center that had essentially been parceled off by platting. An example was the eastside neighboring property as it had been a combination of old platted lots. He noted the surveyor for Mr. Koenig had provided documentation indicating it was a legal lot, which the City surveyor reviewed and believed would qualify under the City's definition of a lot. If a subdivision plat were done, it would involve only the one lot and would have the same boundaries.

Mayor Treece asked if the subdivision had been recorded in accordance with the City's subdivision code. Mr. Teddy replied it was not a modern lot description. It was a grandfathering situation. He explained the old plats did not have the same conventions for easements, etc. This had been circulated for comments and there had not been any indication from professional staff that further easements would be needed.

Mayor Treece asked for the setbacks. Mr. Teddy replied it was 25 feet in the R-1 district. There had been reference made to a 35-foot setback. The East Campus neighborhood did not have a supplemental front yard, but an overlay applied. The overlay addressed the roof pitch requirement for any new structure, but most of the other content referred to existing buildings, infill modification to buildings, or multi-family structures. He noted they would likely take measurements of existing setbacks on the block to determine the average as it was used as a determination in cases where 40 percent or more of a block was built out. If there was exceptional depth to existing development, a deeper setback could potentially be required.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Koenig if he was asking for any variances to those setbacks. Mr. Koenig replied no.

Ms. Peters made a motion to table B138-16 to the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Mr. Trapp stated he thought this was a relatively straight forward item, which had come up three times. He preferred to deal with it tonight and planned to vote against the motion to table.

The motion made by Ms. Peters and seconded by Mr. Skala to table B138-16 to the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting was defeated by vote voice with only Mayor Treece, Mr. Skala, and Ms. Peters voting in favor of it.

Mr. Trapp commented that the conveyance of right-of-way from 1945 indicated it was for the purpose of maintaining the main public sewer. It also indicated "to have and to hold...for the purpose above mentioned on the said lands herein conveyed so long as the same are used for the purposes set forth by this instrument." As a result, they could only use the easement for the purposes of sewer. He understood the sewer had been moved so it was obvious this should be vacated. It could not be used to provide veto

power over whether a particular development could occur in an area. He reiterated he thought the vacation should be approved.

Mr. Skala made a motion to amend B138-16 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Nauser made a motion to approve B138-16 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp.

B138-16, as amended, was given fourth reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER. VOTING NO: PETERS. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B187-16 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a transparency policy as it relates to the public availability of data.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece explained this had come about due to a few issues that had arisen during his first 90 days in office in terms of posting meetings, the handling of sunshine law requests, etc. He viewed this policy as an extension of Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, which set the tone for State departments. It was the same language and set that same expectation for the City of Columbia. He understood City staff was busy and had deadlines to meet, but wanted to set a clear expectation with regard to records requests. He wanted them dealt with as consistently, quickly, and efficiently as possible even if the request did not include the words sunshine request, Chapter 610, etc., and regardless of whether the records were requested in writing, over the phone, or in person. He thought this was a good expression of the Council's will for transparency to be taken seriously and for clear bilateral communication with the public.

Mr. Skala stated he thought this was significant in that it was an endorsement as to how serious the Council was with regard to transparency. He also felt this would improve relationships with their constituents and the public at large, and noted he would be happy to support it.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp commented that she was happy this ordinance had been brought forward, and referred to a passage in a book from Ida B. Wells, which read "the way to right wrongs was to shine the light of truth on them." She did not feel it was an issue of the government doing anything wrong, but believed they could build trust by being more open. She understood a young lady had made a records request for a video from the Police Department and had been told it would cost \$500 and take six weeks to receive. She did not feel it should take that long to download a digital file, and thought technology should allow them to move quickly with some requests. She also felt it was off-putting to charge \$500 for a digital record, and hoped that issue could be absolved. She commented that many of them had planned to make the same request, but she was making the request now in front of the Council. She noted she thought they should move more quickly, especially when it involved police records as delaying and denying those requests sent the wrong message. She reiterated she believed releasing requested information went a long way to building trust.

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, stated he loved the sunshine law and hoped the Council would unanimously approve this ordinance. He commented that he liked this because transparency without qualifiers and rules was meaningless. He believed this would create transparency, openness, and ease of access of information to the Council, the public, and internally amongst staff. He felt this was a policy statement that operationalized the words of transparency, openness, and ease of access, and set an expectation for staff. It provided guidance so staff did not have to guess. He reiterated his hope for the Council to approve this unanimously.

Carol Brown explained she heartedly endorsed transparency in city government, and noted she was really offended by the \$500 estimate for the video. She encouraged the

Council to make that video accessible to the person requesting it. She believed this was a reminder that the government worked for the citizens. Taxpayers worked hard for their money, and if they needed information, they should be able to come and get it without a delay, being denied, or being charged an exorbitant price.

James Gray, 1806 N. Charleston Circle, commented that he had participated in a meeting last weekend with regard to the young lady and the video, and understood the City Manager had communicated with her. He thought the City Manager was trying to get it to her.

Barbara Jefferson explained she lived on Fifth Street and stated she agreed with the woman that had spoken earlier with regard to this providing the public more comfort in their ability to ask for information. He did not feel it should be a hassle to obtain public documents.

Gary Holmes, 504 Mikel Street, stated he believed the transparency law was acceptable if the City Manager did his job. He explained every time he called, the City Manager was in a meeting. He commented that he thought they needed to support police officers as they worked hard. They were protecting citizens 24 hours a day and seven days a week. There were a lot of drug deals near his home, and heroin was a big problem in town. He noted he had just retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) so he knew there were a lot of drug problems in Columbia. It was being brought in from Jefferson City, Fulton, etc. The Columbia police officers needed new vests, proper weaponry, and more officers.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, commented that he thought this was important moving forward.

Ms. Peters asked how they would ensure the City was able to provide the information requested if the request was not made in writing. She was concerned about someone asking for information in person or on the telephone and ensuring that person received what had been requested. She did not want someone saying they did not receive the appropriate information when it was only phone conversation. She wondered if staff would be required to document what was requested. Mayor Treece replied he thought it was up to the City Manager to determine how to best respond to the issues. He thought the Community Relations Director did a very good job helping to hone a request in an agnostic way to ensure the information requested was provided, but felt the City could do a better job of using technology to ensure they were recording the information and publishing it in a way that was more easily accessible on the website if it was information they knew would involve a lot of public interest. He believed this would help prevent some of the extra charges in terms of research, staff time, etc.

Mr. Matthes commented that there were a great number of laws that constrained what could and could not be released so it was a human process of reading the records and filtering them. In terms of providing requestors what they wanted, he noted staff usually communicated via e-mail to zero in on it. A reason this was done was because the narrowing of the search would take less time and would reduce the cost. A request for everything over a year's worth of time would take a lot of time to prepare and be really expensive. He stated he was proud of the City's openness and transparency. He agreed there was room for improvement so this was a welcomed policy. Staff was looking into how to improve the system, to include the use of software products.

Mr. Skala understood this had come about due to controversy in some press articles with regard to being able to or not being able to obtain information in a timely manner and in terms of the inconsistency amongst departments of the charges for the information. He also understood it took more time to gather some information and prepare it for public release in terms of redactions, etc. than other information, and thought they needed to relay exceptional circumstances to the public. He stated he was happy to hear about the coordination between departments during the budget press conference, and thought this legislation served to address, underscore, and support the process.

Mr. Matthes stated he felt they might be missing a centralized approach. In the last

budget the Council had approved a Community Relations Department, and it would provide them the ability to do a much better job. They were nearing the end of the implementation phase of that construction, and this would be a core function of that new department.

Ms. Nauser commented that she thought this ordinance would help to clarify ambiguity. She provided an example of someone not having the right terminology and maybe not receiving the correct answer as a result. She was pleased someone would not have to formally make a sunshine law request to receive information either. Mayor Treece agreed not everyone should have to know about Chapter 610 or the sunshine law, and should not have to reference it to get information.

Mr. Trapp stated he appreciated the leadership of Mayor Treece on this issue. He noted he was not always pleased with the quality of state government, but thought their language should be incorporated into the City's ordinances when they did something right. He felt this was a great approach as it sent an important message. He understood police records were expensive because there were legal requirements in terms of releasing information, which sometimes required legal review, but thought they might want to determine if they could improve the process as timely responses were very helpful in conveying a sense of safety to the public and for the person involved. He was pleased with this legislation and with the response of staff in that they would provide a report to Council with regard to implementation in the future.

Mayor Treece made a motion to approve B187-16. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

B187-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B174-16 Voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Highway 763, approximately 500-feet north of International Drive (5210 N. Highway 763); establishing permanent M-1 (General Industrial District) zoning; authorizing execution of a deed of dedication to transfer additional property required for street right-of-way (Case No. 16-124).
- B175-16 Rezoning property located on the south side of Ash Street and west of Garth Avenue from C-2 (Central Business District) to C-P (Planned Business District); changing the uses on C-P zoned property; approving the Millard Family Funeral Chapels 10-12 E. Ash Street C-P Plan (Case No. 16-127).
- B176-16 Approving the Final Plat of Broadway and Hitt Street Plat 1 located on the southeast corner of Broadway and Hitt Street (1102 Broadway and 8 Hitt Street); granting variances to the Subdivision Regulations relating to street widths and corner truncations (Case No. 16-131).
- B177-16 Authorizing a historic preservation fund grant agreement with the State of

Missouri, Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, State Historic Preservation Office to fund the architectural survey of the North Central Columbia Neighborhood - Phase I; appropriating funds.

- B178-16 Amending Chapter 6 of the City Code as it relates to reciprocation of electrical licenses; amending Ordinance No. 022825 relating to the adoption of the NFPA 70 2014 National Electrical Code.
- B179-16 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to the definition of a parking meter.
- B181-16 Appropriating funds received from donations and miscellaneous revenue to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B182-16 Authorizing agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as it relates to storm water discharge violations at the City of Columbia sanitary landfill.
- B183-16 Accepting a conveyance for electric utility purposes.
- B184-16 Accepting conveyances for sewer, utility, agreement for temporary construction and agreement for temporary access purposes.
- B185-16 Authorizing a first amendment to PCS antenna co-location agreement and a memorandum of first amendment to PCS antenna co-location agreement with Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, relating to the lease of property on Chapel Hill Road (Fire Station No. 6).
- B186-16 Dissolving the authority to establish a revolving loan fund within REDI; authorizing an intergovernmental cooperative agreement grant with The Curators of the University of Missouri for economic development initiatives supporting early stage companies and new business start-ups.
- B188-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for public health emergency preparedness services.
- B189-16 Appropriating funds received from Special Obligation Improvement Bonds (Downtown Government Center - Annual Appropriation Obligation), Series

2008B of the City of Columbia, Missouri; transferring funds.

- R101-16 Setting a public hearing: setting property tax rates for 2016 for the City of Columbia.
- R102-16 Setting a public hearing: FY 2017 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.
- R103-16 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Forum Boulevard and Green Meadows Road intersection improvement project.
- R104-16 Authorizing various Adopt a Spot agreements.
- R105-16 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the annual Mid-Missouri PrideFest celebration.
- R106-16 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Shakespeare's Pizza (225 S. Ninth Street) grand re-opening event.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN (except for B181-16 on which he abstained), TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER (except for R105-16 and R106-16 on which she abstained), PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- R107-16 Amending Resolution No. R114-15A which established the Mayor's Task Force on Infrastructure to extend the deadline for submitting a final report.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece explained there had been a change in the Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Infrastructure and the Task Force wanted additional time to complete their report as the deadline was currently in August. He noted he wanted to match the time extension provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission on the uniform development code so they had recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Mayor's Task Force on Infrastructure as the same time. He hoped to have recommendations of the Parking and Traffic Management Task Force and the Historic Preservation Commission then as well.

Ms. Amin understood the report would need to be provided to staff by October 28 in order to get on the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting agenda.

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, thanked the Council for formally doing this, especially due to the constrained time frame. He noted the Mayor's Task Force on Infrastructure had not been able to follow the "best evidence rule." Instead of inviting others to make presentations, they would only talk among themselves. He pointed out they had received

excellent presentations from David Sorrell and Tom Ratterman, but not from others, such as those in the County that knew a great deal about transportation plans. He thought the extra time would allow for them to provide a better report to Council.

The vote on R107-16 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B190-16 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure procedures.
- B191-16 Setting property tax rates for 2016.
- B192-16 Adopting the FY 2017 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.
- B193-16 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater utility charges.
- B194-16 Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates.
- B195-16 Amending Chapter 17 of the City Code as it relates to Parks and Recreation fees.
- B196-16 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sanitary sewer utility rates and sanitary sewer utility connection fees.
- B197-16 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to solid waste rates and services.
- B198-16 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates.
- B199-16 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to electric rates.
- B200-16 Rezoning property located on the west side of Old 63 and north of McAlester Street from Districts R-3 and C-3 to District O-P; changing the uses on O-P zoned property located on the northeast corner of Old 63 and

Alfred Street; approving the Landmark Hospital O-P Plan (Case No. 16-142).

- B201-16 Approving the Final Plat of Schaumburg Subdivision Plat 1, a Replat of Lot 4 and part of Lots 3, 5, 8 and 9 of Wellington Gordon's Subdivision, located on the west side of Old 63 and north of McAlester Street (805 Old 63); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 16-144).
- B202-16 Approving a major amendment to the C-P Plan for Discovery Office Park North located on the northwest corner of Ponderosa Street and Philips Farm Road (Case No. 16-134).
- B203-16 Granting a variance from the requirements of Section 25-48.1 of the City Code relating to construction of a sidewalk along a portion of the south side of Jamesdale Road, approximately 500 feet east of Brown Station Road (3406 Jamesdale Road) (Case No. 16-149).
- B204-16 Authorizing a license agreement with the City of Ashland, Missouri relating to the lease of property at the Columbia Regional Airport for a pump station and force main.
- B205-16 Authorizing an airport aid agreement for air service promotion with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; appropriating funds.
- B206-16 Authorizing a participation agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for tuberculosis diagnostic screening services.
- B207-16 Amending the FY 2016 Annual Budget by adding positions in the City Manager's Office and Community Relations Department; amending the FY 2016 Annual Budget by deleting a position in the Community Relations Department; amending the FY 2016 Classification and Pay Plan by adding classifications, closing a classification and making a classification reassignment.
- B208-16 Appropriating funds for Share the Light Program.
- B209-16 Appropriating funds for the purchase of framed City of Columbia commemorative posters for a public art display.

X. REPORTS

REP62-16 Bylaws amendment discussion and request to reestablish advertising for board members.

Mayor Treece explained the structure of the New Century Fund Board would be changed to accommodate best practices, and part of this was the number of board members. He noted they had lost some members through attrition, and were now where they wanted to be in terms of numbers.

Ms. Amin understood the Council would like her to start advertising as one position would soon need to be advertised. Mayor Treece stated that was correct, and noted it would bring the number to seven board members.

REP63-16 Disabilities Commission - Columbia Regional Airport Accessibility Services.

Mayor Treece understood the Disabilities Commission had done an assessment of the airport, and it was not very friendly to people with disabilities. The report included some changes that needed to be made.

REP64-16 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Report.

Mayor Treece understood this report had been provided for informational purposes. Mr. Trapp thanked staff for including words to describe the accounts.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, commented that he anticipated in the implementation of the transparency policy that Council would receive feedback indicating staff could not do certain things because they did not have the necessary resources and what those resources were that might be needed. He noted the City had historically understaffed and under-resourced departments, and believed improvement would be ongoing.

Mr. Clark understood the Daniel Boone Public Library was a place one could find public documents and thought they might be interested in working with the City on how to help people find things. He felt this might help expand resources. Mayor Treece thought that was a good idea as the reference librarians were trained to find information. Mr. Clark explained the Library had gone through a process of core beliefs, and the idea of being a public reference system for governmental bodies had come from it. They had resources and trained people. He noted it would take work, but felt it could also help with the idea of making information more accessible.

James Gray, 1806 N. Charleston Circle, stated black lives mattered and all lives mattered. He noted he was an African-American that had grown up in Columbia, and when he was a kid, the police officers did not have to chase children because they knew everyone's family. Kids knew what they had coming if an officer knocked on their parents' door. He noted Columbia had grown a lot and agreed the City was short officers. He asked people to imagine walking in their shoes as it involved a lot of stress and hard work. He commented that a 17 year old had been killed the other night, and it was a black on black crime. A detective with the unit hugged that young man's mother with tears in his eyes. He noted he had contacted the officers a couple of days later for a debriefing as it was needed. He asked everyone to imagine going from a murder scene to a traffic stop or a domestic violence scene. He pointed out officers also had families. He explained he told the officers that people were not really mad at them because they did not know them. He noted officers were usually dealing with people with mental illnesses or college students. He asked when they would start holding the University of Missouri accountable as money was needed to help patrol areas where there were a lot of college students. He commented that the mother he had mentioned earlier did not have enough

money to bury her son. The University Hospital and Boone Hospital did not see color as they worked to save lives. He stated everyone needed to stop pointing fingers at one another, and realize that if they were not a part of the solution they were part of the problem. He reiterated there was a need for more officers, and they would get more officers because if they did not, the ones they had would break down.

Mr. Gray noted he had participated in a meeting last week about what could be done to bring African-Americans up in the community, and suggested expanding the Columbia Housing Authority Board so it included more people from the housing areas. He thought the Board needed people who would listen to the residents.

Mr. Gray explained he had a 16 year old and a 17 year old, and every night when they went out, he prayed they would come home because he did not know what his kids would do when he was not with them.

Mr. Gray stated he was frustrated and saddened every time there was a death and people would not talk because they did not want to be labeled as a snitch. He pointed out it was not about being a snitch. It was about doing what was right. He believed the entire community needed to start doing what was right.

Mr. Gray commented that he had spoken with a gentleman who had never imagined his kid could do what he had done, but noted no one would ever think the worst of their child. He asked everyone to stop looking at color and to do what was right. They needed to make the town safe and the jobs of officers less stressful. He thought they all needed to give back to the community by doing what was right.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, stated he had heard about Homeless Connect on the news. He noted he had been involved with the homeless for many years and often missed announcements. He suggested they do better with regard to communications as those being served were not being reached.

Mr. Elkin explained complaints were coming from within the Turning Point and suggested the homeless be asked if they were being served as he understood they had recently received an investment of \$60,000.

Mr. Elkin commented that he had received several complaints against police officers harassing the homeless at Highway 63 and Interstate 70, and asked if anything could be done. He did not feel officers should be wasting their time on the issue of panhandling there.

Mr. Trapp explained the City had a policy by which people could report trash being placed out on the wrong day and a special pick up could be arranged billing the property owner, and understood follow up had not been prompt recently. He commented that a realtor in Ward 2 reported these issues to the Office of Neighborhood Services and they were not being followed up in a timely manner by the Public Works Department. He wondered if this was due to the fact many leases ended in August and there were already special pick-ups occurring in other neighborhoods. He noted the realtor felt there was a lot of illegal trash in yards in May and at the end of July, and suggested an extra crew during those times for a quicker response. He asked if that could be looked into if they had the resources.

Mr. Trapp commented that there was an issue with drones in one of the neighborhoods in Ward 2, and it was essentially one person who was a problematic drone user. He understood the police officers had indicated they did not have the policy tools to be able to enforce issues with regard to the use of drones, and asked for a report. He noted he would likely try to do some neighborhood mediation, but it had appeared to him from the comments of the neighbors that the drone was being used in a harassing way. He understood it was used to film teenagers sunbathing even when there was a privacy fence or creating noise when someone was having a party. He had been told there had been a physical altercation so it was getting out of hand. He noted he wanted to know what

could be done in terms of a law.

Mr. Trapp explained the organizations involved with Project Homeless Connect had been somewhat deliberate in releasing information to the media fairly close to the time of the event, but social service providers were generally provided flyers in advance because they had a direct reach to the community and so they could ensure those that were truly homeless and most in need received services. He believed Mr. Elkin should be included in the list of people with advance notice, and noted he would try to make it a point to let him know in advance in the future.

Mr. Trapp stated he respectfully disagreed with Mr. Elkin with regard to his panhandling comments. There was a level of traffic risk and danger when panhandling along the interstate. He believed the police, in general, acted with a great deal of discretion. He understood they issued trespass tickets when trespassing on MoDOT right-of-way as there were clear signs with regard to pedestrians in those locations. He reiterated he thought the police were judicious. He commented that he believed panhandlers were overlooked for about a week in case they were down on their luck, but he was not convinced it was good for people to be there for longer times. He pointed out the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) had funded proactive outreach and detoxification services. Anyone panhandling in the downtown area had been offered case management assistance and substance abuse treatment if necessary and appropriate. They had been given homeless outreach services and services to connect with positive supports to make positive changes in an evidence-based client directed way. He commented that there was some overlap between homeless people and panhandlers, but many panhandlers were not homeless. In general, he thought the City provided more offerings of help than the bringing down of power on those that might be down on their luck. He noted he knew a lot of people that had panhandled, and in talking to them, he believed the police used a good amount of discretion in separating out people that might be down on their luck versus others.

Mr. Skala explained many of them had received an e-mail from Paul Sturtz, a former City Council Member, regarding an innovative program whereby the Public Works Department staff teamed up with Job Point students to replace long stretches of crumbling and haphazard sidewalks. Apparently this relationship had not been able to be continued due to funding constraints. He asked for a report regarding this issue so they could keep it in mind as they moved forward with the budget.

Mr. Skala reminded everyone tomorrow was Election Day, and there were two propositions on the ballot. One had to do with the airport and the other had to do with sales taxes involving auto sales. He noted they were always hemorrhaging sales tax due to internet sales, and the forecast for the future was not sanguine. He thought they needed to look hard at voting decisions that did not cause an onerous burden on anyone. He asked everyone to exercise their right to vote.

Ms. Peters thanked staff for carefully striping all of the no parking spaces with yellow paint in the East Campus neighborhood. She hoped that would help with the parking problems.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:26 p.m.