



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, October 2, 2017  
7:30 PM

Regular

Council Chamber  
Columbia City Hall  
701 E. Broadway

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#### I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017, 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, and PITZER were present. Council Members SKALA, THOMAS, and PETERS were 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 September 5, 2017 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Treece and a second by Mr. Trapp.

**Mr. Trapp asked that R138-17 to be removed from this agenda and placed on the agenda for the October 16, 2017 Council Meeting.**

The agenda, including the consent agenda with the removal of R138-17, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Pitzer and a second by Mr. Trapp.

#### II. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

#### III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

#### IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC58-17 Kevin Rosenthal - Complete disorganization with transit and parking managers in the City of Columbia.

Mr. Rosenthal did not speak as he was not present.

SPC59-17 Pack Matthews - My experience of community policing in other communities and why it's as much a concern for those of us whose profile protects us from overly aggressive police encounters.

Mr. Matthews commented that he was a person of substantial means due to two lineages he had inherited at birth, and the effect of his inheritance appeared to be a force field without any effort on his part. He stated he experienced profiling so consistent that he took it for granted. This unearned wealth came in the form of his whiteness and his maleness, and it had been mostly invisible to him. He noted white males took policing to be community policing as it was their norm and they assumed it to be the norm for everyone. He explained police officers regularly reminded him of profiling in his favor and

provided examples. Returning from his hometown in Lawrence, Kansas one early morning, a patrol officer had waived him through a checkpoint assuming he was on his way to work and he had not corrected his profiling in his favor. On another occasion, he and his white wife had mindlessly driven through stop sign at the intersection of Tenth Street and Ash Street in clear view of a police officer traveling in the other direction and knew he had seen them by the way he had shaken his head, but they had been profiled that they were not worth his trouble that day. Their unearned wealth had saved them time, trouble, and money. He commented that community policing was nothing more than ensuring people were treated as American citizens in their own communities. He explained he had learned how this worked first hand in Lawrence, Kansas during the last couple of years of his mother's life. He noted she had been a gracious, dignified, and reserved minister's wife that had her found herself dependent on others, and the company hired to assist in her care had been owned by an African-American woman. In the beginning, his mom had responded well to the extra help and attention, but as her executive function began to fade, she had become verbally abusive to the home healthcare staff by triangulating the staff sowing rumors of distrust. Eventually, the owner pulled all of the white nurses off of his mother's case, which had helped for a while, and the family had been informed that their mother's behavior was not uncommon. It was the enculturation and bias they had all carefully been taught to harbor and reinforce, but not express openly. At points his mother's outbursts were so toxic that he was concerned she might call the police while he was not there. He explained he had spoken with the dispatcher about his concern and had asked if the officer on beat could be sent to the house to meet his mother and the all black nurses to become familiar with the situation should anything happen, and they had been accommodating. As he had thanked the officers for their compassionate response, they told him of their training over the past few years and he had learned a lot about community policing. He pointed out they even received the benefit of the doubt in absentia as white males. A friend of his had been sexually assaulted and as she was providing information to the police to make an arrest of the man the officer had asked her if she was ready to ruin that person's life. He wondered how it was easier to show compassion to the alleged perpetrator and believed it was because the perpetrator's whiteness and maleness had extended his social wealth well beyond his visual presence. He noted whiteness and maleness had a positive effect on the brains of police officers everywhere without them having to do anything, and believed that should make them all uncomfortable. He asked everyone to consider why community policing was not consistent across all communities. He commented that if anyone wanted the opportunity to map their own privilege, there would be an event at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia this Friday, October 6, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

## V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

B286-17 Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Traffic and Highway Safety Division for a DWI enforcement unit; appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Deputy Police Chief Gordon provided a staff report.

Mr. Pitzer asked if the entire amount of the grant was anticipated to be spent and how it was different than in past years. Deputy Chief Gordon replied the entire amount would be spent since this was the salary and benefits of two officers assigned to the unit already.

This was different for the other grant related to saturations and checkpoints. They could no longer use the money for checkpoints due to legislation and saturations were more difficult to organize, which was why they had been unable to use all of the funds provided last year. He felt they would be able to use the entire \$20,000 for saturation operations this year. Mr. Pitzer asked if the money from prior years was still available. Deputy Chief Gordon replied unused grant funds had to be returned. Mr. Pitzer asked how they measured effectiveness for the unit. Deputy Chief Gordon replied it was difficult to measure. He explained there had been an anomaly of an increase in the number of DWI accidents last year. He thought there had been fourteen fatalities with most involving intoxicated drivers, which validated a need for those operations. He wished the patrol units could do more with DWI enforcement, but they were unable since they had to go from call to call to call. He explained they had initially received the grant because DWIs and fatal accidents involving DWI drivers were at an all-time high. He thought they had been eighth in Missouri with regard to fatalities last year. They were reviewing traffic enforcement and how to address those driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Mr. Ruffin asked for a description of saturation operations. Deputy Chief Gordon replied a saturation operation in this situation would be to assign a certain number of officers, such as five, with the specific purpose of looking for intoxicated drivers by concentrating on areas where there were high numbers of alcohol-related crashes. Those areas would likely include Providence Road, Stadium Boulevard, and College Avenue. Mayor Treece understood there was an amendment sheet and asked for clarification. Deputy Chief Gordon explained the wrong information had been included in the agreement. Mayor Treece asked if the dollar amount had changed. Deputy Chief Gordon replied no.

**Mayor Treece made the motion to amend B286-17 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp and approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**B286-17, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:**

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B282-17 Approving the PD Plan for Tower Drive Industrial Park located at the terminus of Tower Drive, north of Prathersville Road; granting a design modification to allow a stem lot that exceeds 250-feet in length (Case No. 17-169).
- B283-17 Approving the Final Plat of Bristol Lake Plat 1-C, a Replat of Lots 52 thru 95 and Lot C-1, Bristol Lake Plat 1, located on the northwest corner of the Bristol Lake Parkway and Bristol Lake Drive intersection (Case No. 17-168).
- B284-17 Changing the name of Roosevelt Avenue to Sugar Grove Road (Case No. 17-201).
- B285-17 Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC local agency nutrition services.

- B287-17 Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Traffic and Highway Safety Division for DWI enforcement relating to sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols; appropriating funds.
- R132-17 Setting a public hearing: proposed installation of parking facility gate arm systems in municipal parking facilities.
- R133-17 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Antimi Sports Complex improvement project.
- R134-17 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located north of Gillespie Bridge Road and approximately 1,500 feet west of Louisville Drive (Case No. 17-172).
- R135-17 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 Marcassin Drive Neighborhood Block Party event.
- R136-17 Approving the issuance of bonds by the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, Missouri for the Bryant Walkway II Apartments renovation project.
- R137-17 Authorizing the long-term closure of a portion of the sidewalk and street on Ninth Street, between University Avenue and Missouri Avenue, to facilitate the repair and reconstruction of the Lowry Mall steam tunnel.
- R139-17 Authorizing Amendment 1 to the agreement with North East Community Action Corporation for the provision of Title X family planning services.
- R140-17 Authorizing submission of an FY 2018 Historic Preservation Fund Grants Survey/National Register Projects Pre-Application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund the North Central Columbia Historic Survey - Phase II.

**The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- R141-17 Authorizing the filing of an application with Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. for award of four (4) protective canine vests and other assistance for the Police Department's K-9 unit.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Deputy Police Chief Gordon and Sergeant Scott Hedrick provided a staff report. K-9, Kane, was also present.

Mayor Treece asked how often a Kane would wear the vest. Sergeant Hedrick replied it would be worn mostly in high-risk situations, and explained it was difficult to wear when it was hot, similar to a person wearing a winter coat in the summer. Mayor Treece asked how often Kane worked with Sergeant Hedrick. Sergeant Hedrick replied every day.

Mr. Trapp asked if Kane wore a camera. Sergeant Hedrick replied Kane wore a GoPro.

Mayor Treece asked Sergeant Hedrick how long he had Kane. Sergeant Hedrick replied for about two years.

Mr. Pitzer thanked Sergeant Hedrick for taking the initiative to look into this opportunity. Sergeant Hedrick commented that as the supervisor and trainer for K-9s, he looked for ways to provide the same protection for the K-9s as the officers had.

**The vote on R141-17 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS.**

**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.

- B288-17 Approving the Final Plat of Breckenridge Park, Plat No. 1 located at the western terminus of Smith Drive and approximately 3,000 feet west of Scott Boulevard; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 17-135).
- B289-17 Approving the Final Plat of Tower Industrial Park, Plat 1-A, a Replat of Lot 3, Tower Industrial Park, located at the terminus of Tower Drive and north of Prathersville Road (Case No. 17-206).
- B290-17 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with RLR Properties, L.L.C. for the purchase of properties located at 7 Third Avenue, 9 Third Avenue and 19 Third Avenue.
- B291-17 Authorizing installation of parking facility gate arm systems in municipal parking facilities; ratifying the request for proposals issued by the Purchasing Division and authorizing a contract with HUB Parking Technology USA, Inc.
- B292-17 Authorizing construction of renovations to Fire Stations #4, #5, #6 and the Fire Training Academy facility; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

- B293-17 Amending Ordinance No. 023301 to change the effective date for parking fee rate changes to January 1, 2018.
- B294-17 Authorizing construction of the Antimi Sports Complex improvement project; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B295-17 Authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for playground improvement projects at New Haven Elementary School and West Boulevard Elementary School.
- B296-17 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the issuance of birth and death certificates and associated technology activities.
- B297-17 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services relating to the Teen Outreach Program (TOP); appropriating funds.
- B298-17 Authorizing a letter of agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Stock Healthy Shop Healthy (SHSH) program as part of the Healthy Eating Active Living in Local Communities program; appropriating funds.
- B299-17 Authorizing an agreement for electric service with Boone Electric Cooperative for the sanitary sewer pump station serving Fox Creek Subdivision.
- B300-17 Authorizing the City Manager, or the Manager's designee, to enter into commercial recycling baler (CRB) program agreements with Columbia businesses.
- B301-17 Authorizing a master agreement with Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) for installation of data links to primary/backup control centers for the continued exchange of information relating to the status of the electric transmission system.
- B302-17 Accepting a conveyance for water main purposes.

B303-17            Accepting conveyances for sewer, utility and drainage purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

## X. REPORTS

REP77-17        Mayor's Task Force on Medical Tourism.

Ms. Schneider provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece commented that he had attended the final meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Medical Tourism and was pleased the principals continued to be engaged. He thought they had come up with some good ideas and felt the next steps that had been outlined were essential to capture where they were in the market and the viability of any investment. He noted Mr. Pitzer had questioned whether investment in this sector was viable and understood Ms. Schneider thought it would be a viable investment.

Mr. Trapp stated he appreciated the Mayor Treece's leadership in starting this conversation and bringing stakeholders together. He noted they had strategic advantages with affordability, education, medical, insurance, etc. and felt they should invest in them. He believed they needed to not only invest in areas where they struggled, but also in areas where they did well as that drove the economy.

Mayor Treece explained this industry was likely tied to about 30 percent of the economy, and pointed out the findings report had indicated 14,000 patients came to Columbia from the 25 surrounding counties for their primary diagnosis, but then went somewhere else for their care. He thought Columbia would benefit if they could retain even one-quarter of those patients.

Mayor Treece asked if anyone had an objection to moving forward. No one objected.

REP78-17        Administrative Public Improvement Project: Emergency Phone Replacement.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if anyone objected to staff moving forward with this project under the administrative public improvement process. No one objected.

REP79-17        Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

Mayor Treece explained this report had been provided for informational purposes.

## XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Josh Vitoux stated he was a student at Columbia College who ran on the MKT and other trails and had noticed the phones were sometimes broken and were not near a mile-marker. He suggested they be placed by mile-markers unless the person who answers had a way of knowing from where the call had been made.

Mayor Treece asked staff to consider the suggestion of Mr. Vitoux.

Angela Whitman, 2501 Quail Drive, Apt. B, commented that she and her neighbors appreciated the response to her request for increased lighting in the neighborhood. She noted trees on the corner of Sylvan Lane and Quail Drive were blocking some of that light from entering on to her property, which made the corner dark, and asked that those trees be trimmed or removed. Mayor Treece stated staff would look into her concern, but pointed out they would need the permission of the owner if the trees were on private property. Ms. Whitman thanked the Council and reiterated her appreciation.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:59 p.m.