



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Thursday, June 8, 2023  
8:30 AM

Council Retreat - Day 1 of 2

Stoney Creek Hotel  
Kansas City -  
Independence  
18011 Bass Pro Dr.  
Independence, MO.  
64055

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#### I. BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING (8:30 to 10:00 a.m.)

#### II. CALL TO ORDER (10:00 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. Mayor Buffaloe addressed the group and stressed the importance of working together and the importance of this retreat.

**Present:** 7 - Peters, Waner, Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, and Knoth

#### III. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Facilitator Julie Novak introduced herself and her colleagues.

#### IV. DAY 1 TENTATIVE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

##### Setting the Stage

The facilitator will review the agenda and meeting norms and ask each attendee to introduce themselves and share their expectations for the retreat.

Facilitator Julie Novak reviewed the agenda and meeting norms. Council members, Staff and Raftelis facilitators introduced themselves and talked about what Council members and staff will work on while at the retreat.

##### Governing Together

The facilitator will share some thoughts on governance and the Council-Manager form of government. The Council will then explore a series of questions sharing your individual thoughts on what it means to govern well together.

##### The Ideal Council Member

We will consider how different groups (the public, the staff, and your City Council colleagues) might describe an "ideal" member of the City Council.

##### Trends

We will spend time considering trends that are happening globally, nationally, and locally. We will work in small groups convened around six broad categories, then share the trends and how they are impacting the City of Columbia.

- Political

- Environmental
- Social
- Technological
- Economic
- Workforce

What does this mean for our City government? How do Council and Staff work together to ensure Columbia is prepared to address these trends?

#### Communications

We will share communications expectations between and among members of the governing body, the City Manager, and Department Directors and assess what individuals can commit to that will improve communications moving forward.

#### True Today - True in Ten Years

Each person will be asked to share their response to the following questions:

- What are three things that are true about Columbia today that you hope will still be true ten years from now?
- What are three things that are not true about Columbia today that you hope will be true ten years from now?

#### Closing - A Six Word Slam

As the first day comes to a close, each participant will be asked to create a "Six Word Slam" - a brief phrase - that crystalizes the first day's experience for them.

### **DAY 2 TENTATIVE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

Setting the Stage

Alignment and Priorities

Next Steps

Closing Remarks

### **V. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

None.

### **VI. DINNER AND NETWORKING (5:00 p.m. - Los Cabos Mexican Grill, 18201 Bass Pro Dr., Independence, MO. 64055)**

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

\*NOTE: This is a tentative agenda for a 2-day event. Topics not discussed on Thursday, June 8 may be discussed on Friday, June 9 and vice versa.