



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
5:00 PM

Budget Work Session - REVISED

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buffaloe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 p.m.

Present: 6 - Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, Meyer, and Peters

2025 Capital Improvement Sales Tax Presentation

Attachments: [2nd Sales Tax Ballot Presentation](#)

Public Works Director Shane Creech indicated this presentation will focus on 1) proposed Public Works ballot projects, 2) proposed Public Safety ballot projects and 3) ballot renewal proposed steps. Creech discussed the draft 2025 Capital Improvement Sales Tax ballot and what projects are on the list.

Creech said the current quarter-cent Capital Improvement projects include years from 2016-2025. Renewal occurs by vote every 10 years, therefore the current one expires December 31,2025. Creech proposed a ballot renewal vote in August 2024.

Creech discussed the decision making process that went into deciding which projects to include. Those steps include:

Shared list with Council at work session: December 18, 2023

Met with each Council member individually: January & February, 2024

Discussed proposed list and asked 6 questions:

- 1.What projects, if any, would you like to see listed that aren't listed?
- 2.What projects do you not want on the list, if any? Why?
- 3.What are your preferences for cost share projects?
- 4.Do you feel that the funding amounts for the subcategories are sufficient?
- 5.Do you have a preference regarding more listed projects, more funding in subcategories, or possibly different subcategories all together?
- 6.When planning for sidewalk projects using the Sidewalk Master Plan, how do you want to prioritize the projects?

Creech went on to show Council members slides of each proposed project.

Fire Chief Mike Arnhart presented the Council with proposed Fire Department projects.

Chief Arnhart indicated the estimated total funding is \$15,450,000. This will include:

Construction of fire stations

Replacement of fire trucks that are expensive due to specialized equipment

Trucks are sold when maintenance expenses start surpassing the value

Police Chief Jill Schlude then presented Council with a presentation for the Police

Department's proposed projects. Chief Schlude indicated the estimated total funding is

\$16,000,000. Projects would include:
Completion of Phase 2 of the Molly Bowden Neighborhood Policing Center
Phase 1 of a major renovation/reconstruction of the Columbia Police Department's
Downtown Facility

Creech indicated the next steps for the proposed 2026-2035 CIP Renewal will include finalizing a list of projects and educating citizens about the ballot renewal process.

Council Members and Staff discussed further.

II. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buffaloe adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:57 p.m.