



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, February 7, 2022
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, February 7, 2022, 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 ANDREA WANER, Council Member KARL SKALA, Council Member MATT PITZER, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BRIAN TREECE, and Council Member PAT FOWLER were present. Council Member IAN THOMAS 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.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2021 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Council Member Skala and a second by Mayor Treece.

Mayor Treece explained the minutes were not yet complete for the September 20, 2021, October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, November 1, 2021, November 15, 2021, December 6, 2021, December 20, 2021, January 3, 2022, and January 18, 2022 regular council meetings.

Council Member Pitzer asked that B40-22 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

Mayor Treece asked if there was an objection to James Gray making a presentation under special items, and no one expressed an objection.

Council Member Fowler asked that REP11-22 be continued to the February 21, 2022 Council Meeting when Council Member Thomas would be in attendance.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B40-22 being moved to old business and the addition of a special item, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Treece and a second by Council Member Skala.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI4-22

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Committee Recognition for Outstanding Service to Mayor Brian Treece.

James Gray presented Mayor Treece with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC5-22

Rebecca Shaw - Leaders who Lead.

Rebecca Shaw, Co-Lead of CoMo for Progress, spoke.

- SPC6-22 Dani Perez - Addressing Systemic Poverty and Racial Inequity by Building Economic Security with the ARPA Funds.
Dani Perez provided a handout and spoke.
- SPC7-22 Rose Metro - Community Violence Intervention Programs.
Rose Metro, 203 S. Garth Avenue, indicated she was a member of Moms Demand Action and spoke.
- SPC8-22 Renee Maxwell - Wabash Warming Center.
Renee Maxwell spoke as a representative of Operation Safe Winter Columbia.
- SPC9-22 Jeff Stack - Economic Democracy and Equity.
Jeff Stack spoke as a member of Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- B40-22 Amending the FY 2022 Classification and Pay Plan by adding the Solid Waste Packer - 955 classification.
The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.
Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.
Rebecca Shaw, 2615 Vail Drive, spoke.
The Council asked questions and made comments.
B40-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WANER, SKALA, PITZER, PETERS, TREECE, FOWLER. 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 City Clerk.
- B34-22 Approving the Final Plat of "Wellington Villas Plat 8" located on the west side of Canyon Ridge Drive (3709 and 3711 Canyon Ridge Drive), approximately 850 north of Mexico Gravel Road; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 37-2022).
- B35-22 Authorizing a grant agreement and certification with the State of Missouri - Missouri State Council on the Arts for the Parks and Recreation Department 2022 Annual Heritage Festival and Crafts Show.
- B36-22 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as part of the Columbia Financial Enterprise Resource System (COFERS) project, for the purchase of additional licenses and to clarify maintenance fees and obligations relating to the Executime and General Ledger Application Programming Interface (API) software modules; amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B37-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the acquisition of property located at 11 N. Seventh Street.

- B38-22 Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for health consultation, training and promotion services to child care providers.
- B39-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds associated with contract Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Boone County, Missouri, on behalf of the Boone County Children's Services Board, for the purchase of services for coordination of prenatal and early childhood home visitation as part of the Brighter Beginnings program.
- R11-22 Setting a public hearing: proposed reconstruction of Taxiway A located south of Runway 13-31 at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- R12-22 Setting a public hearing: consider the Boone County/City of Columbia/University of Missouri Show-Me Stormwater Management - Joint Stormwater Management Program plan document.
- R13-22 Authorizing application for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for replacement of Bridges #2, #9 and #10 on the MKT Trail.
- R14-22 Authorizing application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to park improvements at Battle Park located at 2500 Battle Road.
- R15-22 Authorizing an agreement with the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the 2025 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships event.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B41-22 Authorizing an annexation agreement with The Boone County Fire Protection District for property located on the northeast corner of Bethel Church Road and Route K; directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded (Case No. 49-2022).
- B42-22 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with Zafar Ahmad for City-owned property located north of Ria Street, east of McKee Street and west of Ballenger Lane (Case No. 76-2022).
- B43-22 Authorizing construction of the College Avenue, Court Street and Hickory Street sanitary sewer improvement project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authoring a contract for the work using a term and supply contractor.
- B44-22 Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of

- B45-22 Health and Senior Services relating to the Teen Outreach Program (TOP).
Authorizing a cooperative agreement with Washington State - Department of Enterprise Services for the purchase of transit buses.
- B46-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating unspent grant funds received from the National League of Cities for climate action activities.
- B47-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for semi-annual billing to the Unit Owners Association of the Columbia/Boone County Health Department Condominium for maintenance and construction costs associated with the Sanford-Kimpton Building.
- B48-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget for the purchase of a fleet vehicle for the Fire Department.
- B49-22 Authorizing an agreement with Regional Economic Development Incorporated for the lease of space in the City's Fifth Street and Walnut Street municipal parking structure to be used for economic development activities, and assistance with food-based startups and entrepreneurs.

X. REPORTS

- REP9-22 Homelessness.
Public Health and Human Services Director Stephanie Browning provided a staff report, and the Council discussed the issue.
- REP10-22 Climate and Environment Commission - Request for Council Action regarding Natural Gas Connections and Heat Pumps in Future New Municipal Buildings.
Carolyn Amparan, the Chair of the Climate and Environment Commission (CEC), provided the report.
The Council discussed the issue and asked staff to review the recommendation of the CEC.
- REP11-22 Climate and Environment Commission - Statement on CATSO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan.
This item was continued to the next council meeting.
- REP12-22 Board of Equalization City Representative Appointments.
Mayor Treece asked if there was any objection to the staff recommendation of Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald serving with Council Member Matt Pitzer as the City representatives to the Board of Equalization, and no one objected.
- REP13-22 Removal of a Hazardous Tree at Cosmo Park.
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Griggs provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Jeanne Mihail, 3101 Crawford Street, affirmed the comments of the five scheduled public comment speakers and spoke about the use of ARPA funds.

Ruth Friar spoke as a representative of People Before Projects regarding the homelessness report, social services funding, and the use of ARPA funds.

Grace Vega, a representative of Race Matters, Friends, spoke about the homelessness report, social services funding, and the use of ARPA funds.

Susan Renee Carter spoke for CoMo for Progress about the homelessness report, social services funding, and the use of ARPA funds.

Dirk Burhans, 803 Clayton Street, spoke regarding the threshold for the opening of a warming shelter.

Stephanie Yoakum, a past volunteer of Loaves and Fishes and a current volunteer of JB Mobile Soup Kitchen, spoke about the need for homeless shelters and warming shelters.

Catherine Armburst, 1605 Blue Ridge Road, indicated she was representing JB Mobile Soup Kitchen and spoke about the threshold for the opening of a warming shelter and the need for a warming shelter.

Dani Perez spoke regarding the issues and elements the homeless face, and the need for shelters.

Jeremy Root, 2417 Beachview Drive, spoke regarding the need for homeless shelters and the threshold for the opening of warming center.

Margaret Elsea McConnell, a citizen of Columbia, spoke about the need for a warming shelter at a lower temperature threshold.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke about issues involving homelessness and the ability of retired employees to come back to work for the City.

Susan Maze, 902 S. Seventh Street, spoke about the need for a full service homeless shelter and affordable housing, and the work of the mobile soup kitchen.

Rebecca Shaw, 2615 Vail Drive, spoke about the homelessness report and the need for funding and staffing at the Public Health and Human Services Department.

Barbara Jefferson, 305 N. Fifth Street, spoke regarding the resolution that would be brought forward regarding ARPA funding and the use of surplus funds for a shelter.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include the potential locations for a warming center, the Wabash Station as a warming center, the Wabash Station potentially being open during normal business hours its restrooms, a policy resolution regarding the use of ARPA funds, the threshold to open a warming center, and the positive snow removal comments received.

Council Member Waner made a motion to raise the temperature threshold for opening the Wabash Station as a warming center to 25 degrees for the remainder of the winter season. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fowler. After discussion, Council Member Waner revised the motion so it was to raise the temperature threshold to 25 degrees for the remainder of the winter season for access to an emergency overnight warming center whether it be the Wabash Station or another properly identified location as suggested by City staff. The revised motion was seconded by Council Member Fowler. After further discussion, the revised motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council and staff continued to discuss various topics to include February being Black History Month and the potential of the Columbia Public Schools using the 1920s municipal building at the trailhead of the MKT Trail near the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and Miles Manor for its place based learning with regard to Columbia's African American history.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:42 p.m.