



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, December 2, 2019
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, December 2, 2019, 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 THOMAS, PITZER, PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, and TRAPP were present. Council Member SKALA was absent. The Interim City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2019 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Pitzer and a second by Ms. Peters.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2019 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Trapp and a second by Mr. Ruffin.

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

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI16-19

Presentation of Columbia STEM Alliance Progress Report.

Bill Moore stated he was with the Columbia STEM Alliance and explained they were a relatively new organization. They were a network of educators, businesses, STEM professionals, and volunteers with the mission to inspire interest and provide direct support for science, technology, engineering, and math education. He thanked the City for its participation and the \$35,000 provided. He commented that they believed a solid STEM or STEAM foundation improved the odds of success for children and advanced economic opportunity in the community. He stated they hoped to see more children having it as an option as they entered into high school. Too many children came out of middle school without having an interest in those courses. In 2019, Columbia STEM Alliance had engaged over 3,000 students with their summer STEAM program, girls in STEM program, and after-school program. He noted they had a STEAM bus they utilized for special events, and this year they planned to use it in schools. They were primarily using it at Jefferson Middle School as that School transitioned. It was a mobile lab to assist with the design and manufacturing class. He noted there was good participation in their programs, and the impact of the computer science program had been the largest. He explained they had introduced microbits into School District and it had now been adopted as part of the computer science program. They had taught kids how to program with microbits, and the students then developed motors, lights, etc. The microbits were also used in summer camps to make robots and things that moved. He commented that the students were designing computers and using computer aided design (CAD) programs. He pointed out they were not just beginner CAD programs. They actually tied into real industry CAD programs to help students learn. He stated he had a student that had been taking a CAD class at Moberly that had been struggling so he had the student

try out the CAD program they were using in the middle schools. About a month later, the student had indicated the program had provided him a good foundation. Along with design tools, they also taught students how to use equipment. This summer they had held a camp on the University of Missouri campus with the Department of Agriculture whereby students designed in a CAD system and then built items with equipment, like table saws. He thought programs, such as that, helped build confidence. He stated funding was extremely important so they really appreciated it. Every dollar provided by the City, had been matched by community donations at a rate of about 8 or 9 to 1. There was really good participation by local businesses, community clubs, and individuals. He pointed out they had almost no overhead other than Craig Adams, and they were not a pass-through organization so they were always involved in providing some service to students and teachers.

Ms. Peters asked about the total funding the Columbia STEM Alliance had. Mr. Moore replied this year they would spend about \$125,000. Ms. Peters understood the City had provided \$35,000. Mr. Moore stated that was correct and noted they would rollover some of those funds. He stated they had programs for Title 1 School STEM fieldtrips, which was funded with some City money, and those had not all been executed yet.

Mayor Treece asked if there was any opportunity for teachers that might have a good idea and were in need of a grant. Mr. Moore replied they had an application process, and had funded arts programs along with other STEM programs. He pointed out they liked to ensure they were adding some value and not just providing dollars.

Mr. Ruffin asked Mr. Moore for his strategies for ongoing funding. Mr. Moore replied they worked with foundations and approached businesses in Columbia, especially those that needed tech-employees explaining they needed to help build this in the community since it was important for economic development. He stated they also spoke at REDI meetings. He explained businesses were the major source of funding, and he felt those businesses understood that since they were responding. He noted he thought they would continue to respond as well.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B319-19

Rezoning property located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Green Meadows Road and Gray Oak Drive from District PD (Planned Development) to District MC (Mixed-use Corridor) (Case #200-2019).

The bill was given third reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece understood the applicant had requested this item be withdrawn. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct.

Ms. Peters asked why it was withdrawn. Mr. Teddy replied he did not know as it had not been stated in the communication received. He pointed out the project did not receive a positive recommendation from staff or the Planning and Zoning Commission. He thought the applicant might look at possible other options, such as less intensive zoning, or work within the existing planned district as it allowed some commercial use of the property.

Mayor Treece noted B319-19 was withdrawn.

B348-19 Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code to establish use-specific standards governing the operation of short-term rentals (Case No. 31-2019).

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece explained he intended to table this to the January 21, 2020 Council Meeting. He noted the Council was planning to have a work session at its first meeting in January where they would receive a staff report, ask questions, and state any requested amendments. He commented that he would like to have public input then as well. At the January 21, 2020 Council Meeting, they would consider the amendments and take public input, and the final vote would occur at the first meeting in February.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Pitzer understood there would be companion pieces of legislation and those had not yet been introduced. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. He noted the Community Development Department, Finance Department, and Law Department had been working on those. Mr. Pitzer asked for the schedule with regard to introducing those items. Mr. Teddy replied Mr. Caldera had indicated they would follow shortly after the Chapter 29 amendments so they could be considered together at the end of the process. Mr. Pitzer asked if that meant the January 21 meeting. Mr. Teddy replied it would likely be introduced then for a second reading and vote on February 3.

Mr. Thomas asked if there had been any discussion with regard to regulating non-owner-hosted short-term rentals in the same way guest houses and bed and breakfasts were regulated, and for the arguments in favor or against that proposal. Mr. Teddy replied an individual could seek a conditional use permit for a non-hosted short-term rental. While the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) had been split 3 to 3, he thought there had been some general agreement to avoid investor-owned properties in neighborhoods, which was why there was an emphasis on owner-hosted rentals. Mr. Thomas stated he thought he might have asked his initial question wrong as he was really wondering if they could regulate occupant owner-hosted short-term rentals the same as bed and breakfasts and guest houses. Mr. Teddy explained they were very similar, but the definition did not include traditional bed and breakfasts. The main difference was that short-term rentals were usually a single unit so there was a single group, household, or individual booking it. Bed and breakfasts were rented by the room and on different schedules so rooms were turning over at different times during the week with different guests. In addition, the brick and mortar bed and breakfasts had outdoor advertising. He stated those were handled by conditional use, but only in multi-family districts at this time. He commented that there was some argument indicating the City should treat short-term rentals as if they were bed and breakfasts as there were a lot of similarities.

Gail Plemmons, 17 Aldeah Avenue, commented that she was representing the West Ash Neighborhood Association and explained they had been engaged in studying this issue and the consequences for their neighborhood for quite some time. She stated they only supported hosted short-term rentals in all residential neighborhoods. She noted they were concerned about affordable housing in the neighborhood as there was a shortage of affordable rentals and homes for sale. She commented that other college towns, such as Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Starkville, Mississippi were already experiencing the loss of affordable housing due to short-term rentals and game-day rentals. She stated they were concerned about losing the integrity of their communities. She pointed out they knew their neighbors and looked out for one another. If unhosted short-term rentals were allowed in residential areas, she believed there needed to be a limit to the number in each geographical area. No neighborhood or zoning category should be overburdened. She reiterated that if unhosted short-term rentals were allowed, there needed to be a limit. Without a limit, there could be multiple short-term rentals on one street if the conditional use permits were approved. In addition to limits, she requested adequate notification of the conditional use permit application. Before crafting a short-term rental ordinance, she

asked the Council to review national data and to generate more specific data on the local level. She noted she had sent the Council an email with links as a resource to gather some data. She also suggested requiring a business license for unhosted short-term rentals. She commented that the West Ash Neighborhood Association was supportive of the owner-hosted model in residential areas, and preferred unhosted short-term rentals to remain in non-residentially zoned areas. She understood an abundance of short-term rentals might generate an influx of tourism money as well as potential income for short-term rental owner operators, but did not feel this should come at a cost to the fabric of neighborhoods. She stated they appreciated the Council for slowing down and for their careful deliberation on the issue.

Christine Gardener, 112 Anderson Avenue, stated she had been following the short-term rental issue as closely as possible and was concerned about what it could mean for her neighborhood. She appreciated the fact the Council had asked staff to research and bring more information to them, and for taking its time with this. Once the box was opened, she was afraid they would not be able to close it again. She commented that anecdotally it had appeared to be 5 to 1 in opposition to unhosted short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods. She noted she had not found many people who would be pleased to have a short-term rental next to their home. She wanted the Council to recognize how seriously she took this danger to the neighborhood and stated she did not trust the conditional use permitting process. She explained she wanted to see unhosted short-term rentals only outside of residential areas so only in commercial areas. She believed the residential neighborhoods really needed to have people living in the home as an empty home was not a neighbor.

Mayor Treece asked Ms. Gardener if she would define the residential zoning category as R-1 and R-2. Ms. Gardener replied she would include all of them to include multi-residential. She asked why they would want homes waiting for the next festival or game next to them. Mayor Treece asked how she would feel if there was strict enforcement of the nuisances she found unacceptable. Ms. Gardener replied she had dealt with nuisances on long-term rentals, and they were not dealt with well. She noted the police did not want to deal with it, and it was difficult finding someone to deal with it in the middle of the night. In addition, she understood enforcement would be complaint-driven, and people did not like to complain because they were either uncomfortable or did not want to deal with any repercussions. If they wanted healthy neighborhoods, people needed to live in those neighborhoods.

Mayor Treece explained he had spoken with a constituent that resided in a neighborhood and had purchased another property on the same street as a rental property to protect their property value. They had indicated that the turnover and wear and tear on a long-term rental property was so much that they had turned it into an Air B&B. It had resulted in less wear and tear and fewer cars on the street. Ms. Gardener stated she did not believe that would continue and that they would lose homes to people that were speculating and owning multiple short-term rental properties. She understood a lot of short-term rentals were no longer even listed because they had their customers. She believed it was already causing problems in the neighborhood. She reiterated there could not be a neighborhood with empty homes. She commented that if there was a disaster, neighbors would need to depend on one another. She asked the Council to seriously look at what was happening around the world and the country in this regard.

Michael MacMann, 607 Washington Avenue, commented that he and other PZC members were available to answer questions of the Council. He understood community members were upset on both sides. He agreed with Ms. Gardener in that the issue needed to be researched. He noted he and Mr. Toohey had been reviewing lists and counting the number of short-term rentals, and there were quite a few already in Columbia.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. MacMann if short-term rentals should be banned. Mr. MacMann replied he thought they would have a problem if they tried to ban them now. He explained

they had looked at other communities. He understood New Orleans had viewed it as a great investment in capital due to their needs after Hurricane Katrina so they had allowed it to be very broad, but they were now in federal court because they later rescinded some of the rights they had provided when they realized the impact. There were issues throughout the United States, and the PZC had tried to be fair. He thought it was worth paying attention to the rest of the United States and the courts. He stated he did not want to be where New Orleans was in this regard, but Columbia already had about 600 short-term rentals.

Mr. Pitzer asked Mr. MacMann if he found any similar college towns that had regulated it in such a way that most of the participants in the process had been happy with the outcome. Mr. MacMann replied no. There appeared to be some that had been more successful than others. He commented that he thought the program in San Francisco worked, but Columbia would likely not be able to manage that due to the amount of money involved. He pointed out they were having issues in court as well. He explained the national dialogue on this issue had changed. It was originally thought to be great, but many in neighborhoods now had concerns. He did not believe people had a problem with a mom and pop renting a room out, but were concerned with someone owning multiple investment properties.

Mayor Treece asked if PZC had considered banning corporate owned Air B&Bs or capping the number of properties owned. Mr. MacMann replied it was very difficult to draw lines. He commented that some corporations were better business operators than individuals, but it would be more difficult to fight a corporation in court than an individual. He thought some PZC members had the desire to be a bit more conservative now to avoid having to go immediately into court as that was expensive. He was not sure anyone would be happy with the end result. He reemphasized the comment of Mr. Teddy in that although it was a 3-3 vote, they really were not that far apart.

Mayor Treece commented that when the Council addressed the Unified Development Code (UDC), they had considered 43 different amendments. He noted his intent would be to aggregate all of the ideas and have some sort of decision tree at likely the second meeting in January to determine if they agreed on each. He provided whether they should be banned, whether they should be inspected, etc. as examples. Mr. MacMann stated he thought that would be a constructive way to look at it.

Mr. MacMann explained he agreed with Ms. Gardener in that enforcement was impossible. It was either a police issue or an issue for the Office of Neighborhood Services and neither had adequate time or resources. He referred to a location in the Grasslands that had 23 people in it, and even though some of the wealthiest people in Columbia were complaining, it had taken seven months to address that situation of enforcing existing laws and regulations. He pointed out people in neighborhoods like his would likely not even contact the City to make a complaint.

Mr. Pitzer understood Mayor Treece had mentioned taking public comment at the January 6, 2019 work session. Mayor Treece asked how the Council felt about that. Ms. Peters replied she would suggest not taking comments at the work session. She felt it should be a time for the questions of Council to be addressed. In addition, the comments of the public would not be on record at the work session. Mayor Treece commented that he thought there were a lot of educated stakeholders whose opinion they might want. Mr. Pitzer pointed out they would be limited in time as they would have a defined end time, and asked how it would be structured. Mayor Treece suggested they not post allowing comments on the agenda as they would then have discretion. Mr. Thomas noted they could also allow input at the regular meeting. Mayor Treece stated that could not be done if they tabled it to January 21. Mr. Thomas commented that they would have to table it to January 6 instead in that case. Ms. Peters asked if there was something that said they could only allow public comment the one time. Mayor Treece replied no, and pointed out they would end up having two because they would vote on it in February. He noted he understood the point of Mr. Pitzer. Ms. Peters commented that she would

prefer to use the work session to hear the opinion of each Council Member and to list some potential amendments. She stated she would rather have comment on it afterwards. She suggested taking comments at the work session only if time allowed.

Mayor Treece made a motion to table B348-19 to the January 21, 2020 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peters and approved unanimously by voice vote.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B349-19 Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for maintenance responsibilities associated with the construction of intersection improvements at Sinclair Road, Route K and Old Plank Road.
- B350-19 Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for maintenance responsibilities associated with the construction of intersection improvements at Keene Street and I-70 Drive Southeast.
- B351-19 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for upgrades to equipment and the elevator cars in the Eighth and Walnut (Plaza) and Tenth and Cherry municipal parking garages.
- B352-19 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of a storm drain replacement project on a portion of South Greenwood Avenue.
- B353-19 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for certain private common collector elimination (PCCE) sewer improvement projects.
- B354-19 Repealing Ordinance No. 024057 which authorized a sponsorship agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of University of Missouri Health Care, for the use of its logo and signage in Court 3 within the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse located in A. Perry Philips Park; authorizing a revised agreement.
- B355-19 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds from the 2019 Celebration of the Arts event.
- B356-19 Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for child care health consultation services.
- B357-19 Authorizing an equitable sharing agreement and certification with the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of the Treasury detailing FY 2019 receipts and expenditures of shared funds by the Police Department.
- B358-19 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds in the Police Department to hire temporary part-time employees to assist with municipal warrant entries and evidence purging.
- R168-19 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Strawn Park Phase II improvement project to include the installation of a pre-cast concrete restroom and construction of a parking lot, practice disc golf putting ring and basket, and ADA walkways.
- R169-19 Setting a public hearing: proposed street name change for a portion of

"Rice Road" between Ballenger Lane (Route PP) and Lake of the Woods Road to "Geyser Boulevard" (Case No. 237-2019).

- R170-19 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding and addendum with Learning for Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America, to establish an Explorer Post within the Police Department to provide an interactive, worksite-based career education program for those interested in law enforcement or the criminal justice system.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- PR171-19 Establishing a revised Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding policy; establishing a revised review process for annual CDBG and HOME funding requests.
- B359-19 Changing the name for a portion of "Rice Road" between Ballenger Lane (Route PP) and Lake of the Woods Road to "Geyser Boulevard" (Case No. 237-2019).
- B360-19 Approving a major revision to the "Columbia Mall" PD Development Plan (Hotel Parcel) located on the southwest corner of Stadium Boulevard and Bernadette Drive; setting forth conditions for approval; granting a design adjustment to allow a lot line to bisect an existing parking lot (Case No. 225-2019).
- B361-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Columbia Mall - Plat 4" located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Stadium Boulevard and Bernadette Drive (2300 Bernadette Drive) (Case No. 224-2019).
- B362-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Gateway Plaza - Flat Branch Park Plat 1" located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Broadway and Providence Road (Case No. 59-2019).
- B363-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Copperstone Plat 7D" located on the west side of Copperstone Court (4601 and 4605 Copperstone Court) and south of Copperstone Creek Drive (Case No. 240-2019).
- B364-19 Approving the "Fourth Replat of Part of Lot 103 - The Meadows Phase 1" located on the south side of Huntridge Drive and east of Carter Lane (Case No. 232-2019).
- B365-19 Vacating portions of drainage and utility easements on Lot 62A within Kitty Hawk Manor, Plat No. 7A located south of Gypsy Moth Drive and west of Stinson Avenue (Case No. 161-2019).

- B366-19 Vacating a utility easement within Bergen's Addition Subdivision located between Switzler Street and Providence Walkway; vacating a utility easement within Crouch's Addition Subdivision located on Boone Drive; setting forth a condition for approval (Case No. 13-2020).
- B367-19 Authorizing construction and installation of a "New Design" bus shelter on the south side of Broadway and west of Garth Avenue; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B368-19 Authorizing a sidewalk renovation agreement with First Presbyterian Church for reconstruction of a sidewalk along a portion of the east side of Hitt Street between Locust Street and the alley south of Cherry Street; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B369-19 Authorizing a right of use license permit with The Pines Homes Association for construction, installation, maintenance and operation of neighborhood identification signs within portions of the Fall Ridge Drive and Ashwood Drive rights-of-way.
- B370-19 Authorizing a landscape maintenance agreement with Wyndham Ridge Homeowners Association for the design, installation and maintenance of private landscaping and irrigation systems within a portion of City-owned property located on the east side of Scott Boulevard between Leighton Drive and Abbingdon Terrace.
- B371-19 Accepting conveyances for street, utility and drainage purposes.
- B372-19 Authorizing assignment of an agreement with MFA Oil Company to Arcade District Properties, LLC for use of a portion of railroad right-of-way located adjacent to Fay Street and Eugenia Avenue for roadway access.
- B373-19 Authorizing a second amendment to the solar power purchase agreement with Truman Solar, LLC.
- B374-19 Authorizing a consent to collateral assignment with Truman Solar, LLC and Fifth Third Bank relating to the development, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of a solar generating facility located on the south side of I-70 Drive SE and approximately 2,000 feet east of St. Charles Road.
- B375-19 Accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.
- B376-19 Authorizing construction of the Strawn Park Phase II improvement project to include the installation of a pre-cast concrete restroom and construction of a parking lot, practice disc golf putting ring and basket, and ADA walkways; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B377-19 Authorizing application to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration and the Missouri Department of Transportation for airport capital assistance grants.
- B378-19 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds received from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to provide for reimbursement of the additional costs associated with temporary

administrative assistance.

- B379-19 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for medical directorship services for employees of the City's Fire Department.
- B380-19 Adopting the City of Columbia, Missouri Choice Plus \$750 Plan, Choice Plus \$1,500 Plan and Choice Plus \$2,800 High Deductible Health Plan for 2020.
- B381-19 Accepting a donation from United HealthCare for wellness promotion and programs for City employees; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B382-19 Authorizing renewal of the agreement with Boone County, Missouri for Live Well Boone County program services in 2020.
- B383-19 Amending Chapter 14 to repeal and re-enact in place thereof a new Section 14-391 relating to the assessment and payment of hourly parking fees in parking structures.

X. REPORTS

- REP110-19 Sidewalk Cafes with Right of Use Agreements.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if right of use permits had a sunset date or if they could be revoked at any time. Mr. Teddy replied they could be revoked with reasonable notice. In one particular case, there was a six-month minimum. He thought a season before would be reasonable unless the situation was egregious, but noted it should probably be defined by the Law Department.

Mayor Treece commented that with regard to one of the three outliers what had been described as an outdoor patio was now operating as a three-season room, and what had been intended to provide pedestrian access on the sidewalk did not have the visible accessibility and sometimes and did not have the wheelchair accessibility other ordinary sidewalk cafes had. He suggested they refer this to the Disabilities Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission for their input and guidance to the Council on this subject. Mr. Trapp thought that was appropriate. Mr. Thomas stated he liked that suggestion as well. Mr. Teddy noted staff would inform the liaisons to those commissions of the discussion of Council.

- REP111-19 Downtown Community Improvement District - End of Fiscal Year Report.

Mr. Trapp stepped out of the meeting room.

Mayor Treece explained this had been provided for informational purposes, and asked if anyone from the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) wanted to speak.

Nickie Davis stated she was the Executive Director of the Downtown CID and was available to answer questions.

Mayor Treece asked Ms. Davis if she had any recommendations with regard to downtown sidewalk cafes. Ms. Davis replied she was satisfied with the changes made a few weeks ago with regard to sidewalk cafes and was in agreement with the comments regarding the more permanent type of structures.

Mr. Pitzer asked if there were any short-term rentals in the downtown. Ms. Davis replied yes. She thought the newer ones were considering what had been discussed earlier.

- REP112-19 Citizens Police Review Board - Supplement to the 2018 Annual Report.

Ms. Peters asked for a definition of the external complaint types of unfounded, exonerated, sustained, and not sustained. Chief Jones replied generally an unfounded

complaint meant the events complained about had occurred, but it was not outside of the policy. An exonerated complaint meant it had not happened. A complaint that was not sustained meant there was not enough evidence to make a decision one way or another.

Ms. Peters asked for the type of complaints the Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB) normally saw. Chief Jones replied failure to investigate and use of force had been seen. He pointed out not a lot went before the CPRB, and it generally involved members of the public even though officers could ask for something to be taken to the CPRB. He commented that thankfully the CPRB did not have a lot of business.

REP113-19 Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Mayor Treece explained this had been provided for informational purposes.

Mr. Trapp returned to the meeting room.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

John Conway, 4902 Thornbrook Ridge, commented that he was reviewing some items in preparation of the January meeting with regard to the water rates. He stated the cost of service study was to include the storage components of the water system, but had not been included. Columbia had a number of water storage facilities, some of which were very visible. He thought they could conclude the cost of service study was not valid since all of the water system components had not been considered.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Conway if he thought a water tower was an essential component of the system in terms of water pressure and storage, and wondered why it had not been included in the cost of service study. Mr. Conway replied that storage was to be included as it had been under cost functionalization in the Raftelis contract. Mayor Treece asked if they would have been able to avoid a ballot issue for a new water tower if it had been included in the cost of service study. Mr. Conway replied probably not. He explained additional storage was needed in strategic places to increase pressures and flows for fires.

Mr. Conway stated he wanted to discuss the fire protection costs within the cost of service study as well. Due to the good work of the Fire Department and Water Division of the Utility Department, Columbia received the benefit of an ISO rating of two, which was really great and affected the underwriting of insurance. Based on the ISO rating of two, he did not feel the costs included in the study were realistic. It was not in proportion to the thousands of gallons of water the system had to transmit to fight fires. In addition, that capability had to be maintained in reserve 24-hours per day, seven days per week. He thought it needed to be reviewed again since it was not proportional, and felt it would likely need to be higher than the \$1.55 paid now. He also believed that by increasing the fire protection cost, they could decrease the other water rates to make it revenue neutral.

Mr. Conway provided the two handouts on these issues and asked the Council to take them into consideration.

Mr. Thomas commented that everyone was invited to a presentation by the civil engineering students in Professor John Bowders' class that had been researching universal transit access for student systems in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois and Ames, Iowa. He noted they had also surveyed students and interviewed transportation parking staff at the University of Missouri. He stated the presentation would take place on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Lafferre Hall, and that Ms. Amin had forwarded the details with the room number by email.

Mr. Thomas explained he had forwarded Council the links to the CATSO Long Range Transportation Plan update after the last council meeting as it would be voted on by the CATSO Coordinating Committee on Thursday. He stated he was interested in hearing responses as to whether they felt it was an appropriate plan or if they had concerns.

Mr. Trapp commented that he had read the CATSO Plan and understood it primarily laid out the easements that would be acquired. He understood there were a lot of projects they did not have the money to build, but it provided a guide as to what roads would be constructed in development. Whether it took 40 years or 100 years, he thought they would likely build out to those levels regardless of whether people were driving electric cars or bicycling. He pointed out those interconnections would still be needed. He stated he did not feel it was a promise that they would complete all of those things. It was a map that guided them, mostly in terms of acquiring easements and rights-of-way. He believed it served a purpose. He noted it referenced other plans, to include the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. He thought it was an iterative document, and during its next review, it could be harmonized more with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan if they wanted. For where they were now, he did not feel it was unreasonable, nor did he feel it was a commitment to do those hundreds of millions of dollars of road expansion projects. It just showed which roadways they might want to pick up as the City moved in those areas.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:03 p.m.