



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, March 4, 2024
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room
1A/1B
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met on March 4, 2024 at approximately 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri.

Present: 8 - Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, Knoth, Proffitt, Peters, and Peters

Absent: 2 - Peters, and Peters

This item is open to the public: Motion for the City Council to go into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B to discuss:

- Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo.
- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.
- Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected pursuant to Section 610.021(12) RSMo.
- Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected pursuant to Section 610.021(12) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records

pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Council Member Foster.

This item is closed to the public: Closed Meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B

At approximately 5:01 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(1), (3), (12), and (13).

The City Council adjourned the closed meeting and returned to the open portion of the meeting at approximately 6:32 p.m.

This item is open to the public: Business License - Nuisance Discussion

Todd Guess, Business Services Manager, presented Council with information about Liquor License Establishments.

Guess gave an overview of the current licensing process including licensing provisions and standards of operation.

Licensing Provisions:

- Applicant qualifications (Sec. 4-3)
- Investigation components (Sec. 4-6)
- Required endorsements (Sec. 4-6)
- Annual renewal (Sec. 4-5)
- Weight given to qualified neighbor complaints or objections (Sec. 4-8)

Standard of Operation:

- Prevent and suppress violent, disorderly or unlawful conduct
- Nuisance avoidance
- Alcohol regulations
- Cooperation with authorities

Guess went on to discuss potential adverse outcomes such as denial of a new license request, denial of license renewal, and suspension and/or revocation of current licenses. Guess stated that Matthew Lue (Director of Finance), Stephanie Browning (Director of PHHS) and Brian Gardner (Council appointed) make up the liquor license review board. Guess then discussed due process. Staff recommends developing a formal process for violation reports to funnel to the Business License Division as well as reinforce endorsing departments their authority to decline endorsement for the issuance or renewal of a license.

Council and Staff discussed.

II. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.