



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, August 1, 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 approximately 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 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: Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member PAT FOWLER, Council Member ANDREA WANER, Council Member KARL SKALA, Council Member NICK FOSTER, Council Member MATT PITZER, and Council Member BETSY PETERS were present. Acting Deputy City Manager Mike Griggs, 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 November 15, 2021 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Skala.

Mayor Buffaloe explained the minutes were not yet complete for the December 6, 2021, December 20, 2021, January 3, 2022, January 18, 2022, February 7, 2022, February 21, 2022, March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022, April 4, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 2, 2022, May 16, 2022, June 6, 2022, June 21, 2022, July 5, 2022, and July 18, 2022 regular council meetings, and the April 18, 2022 special council meeting.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to remove B208-22 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner. After discussion, the motion was passed by roll call vote with Mayor Buffaloe, Council Member Fowler, Council Member Waner, Council Member Skala, Council Member Foster, and Council Member Peters voting yes, and Council Member Pitzer voting no.

Council Member Pitzer asked that R111-22 be moved from the consent agenda to new business.

Council Member Peters asked that R113-22 be moved from the consent agenda to new business.

The agenda, including B208-22 being removed completely from the agenda and the consent agenda with R111-22 and R113-22 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Skala.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

- SPC50-22 Anna Meyer - Wabash Station and the Letter from CID.
Anna Meyer indicated she was the owner and operator of Range Free, which was located at 110 Orr Street, and a First Ward resident and spoke.
- SPC51-22 Melissa MacGowan, Como Mobile Aid Collective - Our Unhoused Neighbors.
Melissa MacGowan, a Third Ward resident, indicated she was representing CoMo Mobile Aid Collective and spoke.
- SPC52-22 Brian Neuner, Special Olympics Missouri - ARPA Funding Request.
Brian Neuner indicated he was representing Special Olympics Missouri and spoke, and Jeannie Byland, a Special Olympics Board Member and mother of a Special Olympics athlete, spoke.
- SPC53-22 Rena Ruth - Value of Wild Spaces.
Rena Ruth, a resident of Valley View Drive, spoke.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- B204-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds associated with Electric Utility purchase power expenses.
The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.
Utilities Director David Sorrell provided a staff report, and he and Power Production Superintendent Christian Johanningmeier responded to Council questions.
Rebecca Shaw, 2615 Vail Drive, spoke.
Barbara Jefferson, 305 N. Fifth Street, spoke.
Paul Smith, 816 Cypress Lane, spoke.
Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.
The Council asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to amend B204-22 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.
B204-22, as amended, was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:
- B206-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the construction of the Runway 2-20 extension project at the Columbia Regional Airport relating to additional erosion control measures and removal of an existing water main.
The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.
Economic Development Director Stacey Button and Airport Manager Mike Parks provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

B206-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PITZER,

PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

- B211-22 Amending Chapter 18 of the City Code to extend the sunset provisions for the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) relating to police and firefighter retirement benefits.

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Finance Director Matthew Lue and Assistant Finance Director Jim McDonald provided a staff report, and they along with City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

Lance Bollinger, a Lieutenant at the Police Department and Chair of the Police Retirement Board, spoke.

Barbara Jefferson spoke.

Justin Collins, a Captain at the Fire Department and Chair of the Firefighters' Retirement Board, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

B211-22 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. 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.

- B197-22 Approving the Final Plat of "Hashtag-Oakland Subdivision" located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road and west of Paris Road (Case No. 154-2022).
- B198-22 Approving the Final Plat for "Greenville Subdivision, Plat 1" located on the north side of Green Meadows Road and south of Green Meadows Circle; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 171-2022).
- B199-22 Authorizing approval of an Abatement Order On Consent with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
- B200-22 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of the University Concert Series, for a subgrant award with funds received from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan.
- B201-22 Accepting the 2022-2023 STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety; authorizing an Award of Contract and Certified Assurances and Special Conditions.
- B202-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating Public Works Department funds to finalize and close out completed capital improvement projects and to provide funding for current capital improvement projects.
- B203-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of a front end wheel loader to be used by the Public Works Department for winter weather response events.
- B205-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating General Fund Reserves to the Economic Development Department for professional dues.
- B207-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds received

- from donations, miscellaneous revenue, and Park Sales Tax revenue to provide funding for various Parks and Recreation Department projects.
- B209-22 Authorizing a contractual service agreement with the State of Missouri Children's Trust Fund to sustain and expand the brighter beginnings program; amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B210-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by transferring funds in the Public Health and Human Services Department to offset the increased costs associated with the purchase of a mobile outreach vehicle.
- R105-22 Setting a public hearing: setting property tax rates for 2022 for the City of Columbia.
- R106-22 Setting a public hearing: FY 2023 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.
- R107-22 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Oakland Gravel Road sidewalk project to include construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Oakland Gravel Road between Vandiver Drive and Grizzly Court to close sidewalk gaps, reconstruction of two (2) concrete islands and the installation of audible pedestrian system signals at the intersection of Oakland Gravel Road and Vandiver Drive, and reconstruction of several sidewalk ramps and landings to meet ADA requirements.
- R108-22 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the McBaine Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Phase 1 project.
- R109-22 Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME funds.
- R110-22 Authorizing agreements with local nonprofit arts organizations for subgrant awards with funds received from the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan.
- R112-22 Authorizing application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to fund projects and activities associated with the Vision Zero Program.
- R114-22 Authorizing an agreement with Huntington Technology Finance, Inc. for the lease of equipment in support of a solid waste route management system; authorizing a solid waste route management software system licensing, support and data agreement with Seon System Sales, Inc., d/b/a Fleetmind Solutions, Inc.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- R115-22 Authorizing a social services provider agreement with AAAAChange, LLC for outreach and case management services for unsheltered individuals.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Acting Deputy City Manager Mike Griggs provided a staff report, and he and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

Nickie Davis, the Executive Director of the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID), spoke, and responded to Council questions.

John Trapp with AAAA Change, LLC, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

Stephanie Yoakum spoke.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke.

Barbara Jefferson spoke.

DJ Lynch, 3317 Sherwood Drive, spoke.

Rebecca Shaw spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

R115-22 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows:

VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS.

VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

- R116-22 Approving the Preliminary Plat of "Quail Creek West Plat 8" located on the southwest corner of Smith Drive and Louisville Drive (Case No. 124-2022).

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Community Development Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

Jay Gebhardt, a civil engineer with A Civil Group, indicated he was representing Kathy Reuter, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

R116-22 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows:

VOTING YES: PITZER. VOTING NO: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PETERS. Resolution declared defeated.

- R111-22 Awarding bids and authorizing the City Manager to file applications and to negotiate and enter into contracts with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta Dental, and United American for benefits administration and insurance coverages for City of Columbia employees and retirees.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Human Resources Director Kathy Baker provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

R111-22 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows:

VOTING YES: BUFFALOE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA, FOSTER, PITZER, PETERS.

VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

- R113-22 Granting temporary waivers from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages and Section 16-258 of the City Code to allow amplified sound exceeding a distance of 100 feet for three (3) music events hosted by My House located at 119 S. Seventh Street.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Amy Schneider provided a staff report, and she and City Counselor Nancy Thompson responded to Council questions.

Dan Rader, 119 S. Seventh Street, indicated he was with Rader Hospitality, spoke, and responded to Council questions.

Barbara Jefferson spoke.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

R113-22 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows:

VOTING YES: FOWLER, WANER, FOSTER, PITZER. VOTING NO: BUFFALOE, SKALA, PETERS. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B212-22 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure procedures.
- B213-22 Setting property tax rates for 2022; directing the City Clerk to give notice of the property tax rate.
- B214-22 Adopting the FY 2023 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.
- B215-22 Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code relating to the license fee schedule for businesses and occupations.
- B216-22 Amending Chapter 17 of the City Code as it relates to Parks and Recreation fees.
- B217-22 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates.
- B218-22 Approving the PD Planned Development of "Lot 404 of Spring Creek Plat 4" located on the north side of Vawter School Road and east of Scott Boulevard; approving a revised statement of intent (Case No. 194-2022).
- B219-22 Approving the Final Plat of "Sheltered Workshop Plat No. 2A" located on the east side of Bearfield Road and south of Nifong Boulevard; authorizing performance contracts (Case No. 181-2022).
- B220-22 Authorizing a waiver of claim and indemnity agreement with Quaker Manufacturing, LLC to allow construction of a driveway, retaining wall and storm water detention system in an electric easement adjacent to the COLT Railroad right-of-way located on the west side of Paris Road (4501 Paris Road).
- B221-22 Authorizing a third supplemental agreement to an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B222-22 Authorizing a memorandum and amendment to PCS Antenna Agreement with SBA Structures, LLC relating to the lease of City-owned property located at 3112 Chapel Hill Road (Fire Station No. 6).
- B223-22 Amending the FY 2022 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for security upgrades to the City Hall lobby reception area.
- B224-22 Adopting the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) "Rule of 80" retirement age provision for current and future eligible City employees.
- B225-22 Authorizing an amended and restated intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the investment of public funds through the Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP); directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded.

X. REPORTS

- REP65-22 Correspondence from the Disabilities Commission Relating to the Sidewalk Master Plan and the Use of ARPA Funds.
- The Council discussed the report.
- REP66-22 GoCOMO Route Adjustments to serve Parkade Plaza.
- The Council asked questions and discussed the transit system.
- REP67-22 Amendment to the FY22 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.
- Finance Director Matthew Lue responded to Council questions.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Sutu Forte provided a handout, indicated she was representing It's Our Wild Nature, and spoke about the need to not proceed with Alignment 3, which was a large trail that was proposed to go along the Hinkson Creek, and the fact that alignment had not received the proper approvals by the state and federal governments.

Jeanne Mihail, 3101 Crawford Street, thanked the Council for removing B208-22 from tonight's agenda and suggested the City seek information from municipalities that had used the policing software in terms of the consequences on disparities and the outcomes of arrests along with policing in general.

December Harmon indicated she was a Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB) member and spoke about the fact she had received the NACOLE Founders and Presidents Scholarship Award for her leadership along with the role of the CPRB.

Julie Ryan indicated she was representing the COMO Safe Water Coalition and spoke about the use of chloramine in the drinking water and the need to get away from the use of chloramine as she felt it was related to the abatement order that was on the consent agenda and required a payment of a little over \$10,000 dollars to the Department of Natural Resources, a contributing factor to the increase in water main breaks, and toxic to aquatic life.

Rebecca Shaw spoke regarding her participation in Project Homeless Connect, which had been rewarding, the need to continue efforts to find services for the unsheltered, the comments of December Harmon in terms of the CPRB, and the need to look into the issues of the CPRB.

Stephanie Yoakum, a First Ward resident, spoke about the availability of beds at various shelters and the barriers associated with those shelters, the issues associated with the homeless, and the fact that only about half of Columbia's unhoused had attended the Project Homeless Connect due to transportation issues.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, spoke regarding the availability of free food every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in front of Tellers in the downtown and how to assist them, the desire for an update on Room at the Inn, the use of wood burning to assist with utilities, and recycling.

Barbara Jefferson, 305 N. Fifth Street, spoke about her concern regarding the case management services the Council approved earlier tonight, hope for follow up regarding

the addition of a bus stop at Parkade Plaza, erosion issues in the First Ward, and the fact the City's money and property were the people's money and property and for that to be taken into consideration when providing tax breaks.

DJ Lynch, 3317 Sherwood Drive, suggested the Council do what the people requested regardless of the issue.

David Allen spoke about his support for the comments of December Harmon regarding the CPRB and the need for Council to listen to the citizens.

John Conway, 4902 Thornbrook Ridge, spoke about B217-22, which was related to water rates, and the need to explain the cost of water service as well as the need to speak with people familiar with the electric system to determine how to approach getting to 100 percent renewables.

The Council and staff discussed various items to include the issue of homelessness and the fact that the solution to homelessness was housing, Council Member Foster serving as a liaison between the Boone County Coalition to End Homelessness and others working in that space, the work of the Boone County Coalition to End Homelessness and those involved with the Coalition, the fact there was an election tomorrow and the need to vote, and the issue Lilian Davis had brought forward at the prior meeting regarding the utility billing process and late fees.

Council Member Fowler made a motion for staff to bring forward an ordinance that would change the date a utility payment was due from 20 days to 31 days after it was issued, and for the Finance Advisory and Audit Committee to inform the Council of the impact of this change in terms of cash flow, late fees, and convenience fees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waner. After discussion, Council Member Fowler withdrew her motion and the Council Member Waner was agreeable to the withdrawal.

The Council and staff continued discussing various items to include issues with regard to the Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB), the potential of the September CPRB meeting being a joint meeting with the City Council which did not have support, the appropriateness of the Chair of the CPRB holding ex-parte meetings with the Police Chief, the status of a facilitator for the CPRB, a reading of a letter to the Boone County Commission by Council Member Fowler regarding a recent Chapter 100 tax abatement application by Equipment Share, and the fact a status update about the potential for an opportunity campus would be provided at the next council meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 11:39 p.m.