



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Monday, January 22, 2024

5:00 PM

Work Session - Revised

Conference Room

1A/1B &

Council Chamber

Columbia City Hall

701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buffaloe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, Knoth, and Proffitt

This item is open to the public: Motion for City Council to go into closed session to discuss:

- 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.

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 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. The motion was seconded by Council Member Proffitt.

Yes: 6 - Buffaloe, Foster, Lovelady, Waterman, Knoth, and Proffitt

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 Section 610.021(12).

The Council adjourned the closed meeting and returned to the open work session portion of the meeting at approximately 5:18 p.m. Since the remainder of the work session was being held in the Council Chamber, it was approximately 5:25 p.m. by the time everyone was settled and that discussion began. Those minutes will have the details of that discussion.

This item is open to the public: Recycling and Waste Diversion Discussion in Council Chambers

Utilities Director, David Sorrell introduced Steven Hunt and others from the Utility Department. The report on Recycling and Waste Diversion program evaluation was finalized on November 17, 2023 and sent to Council. Staff is requesting Council direction on:

- Material Recovery Facility

- Recycling Drop-Off Centers
- Curbside Collection or Recyclables
- Overall Program Improvements

Material Recovery Facility

Three options of material recovery facilities include:

Option 1: Decommission the Columbia MRF and transport recycling material to different MRF for processing.

Option 2: Retrofit or upgrade the existing MRF.

Option 3: Construct a New MRF on the current site.

Option 4: Construct a New MRF on a different location on the Columbia Sanitary Landfill property.

Staff indicated they do not recommend options #1 or #2 as they have high transportation and high material processing costs (\$75 to \$100 / ton). Staff does recommend proceeding with a hybrid between Option #3 and Option #4. They suggest the following:

- Issue RFP for Professional Engineering services for preliminary and final design of a new MRF facility based upon Option #3 & Option #4.
- Utilize existing funding in Solid Waste CIP -MRF Phase 2 project for design.
- Utilize bond funds to pay for construction costs. (Financing \$1.4 - \$2.2 million annually -4.5 -8.4% rate increase - \$0.78 - \$1.46 monthly increase for residential customers)

Curbside Collection of Recyclables

- Implement automated collections for curbside recycling with a program to co-collect bagged containers and loose fiber in one cart.
- Discontinue collecting glass at the curb and focus on collecting glass in purple bins at Recycling Drop-Off Centers.
- Procure specialized services to route collection trucks using computer software to create the most efficient collection routes.

Staff recommends making no changes until residential curbside recycling operation has resumed and staffing in Solid Waste Collections is at least 90%. They also recommend implementing automated residential curbside recycling collection.

Recycling Drop-Off Centers

Staff went on to discuss recycling drop-off centers. Staff recommends making no changes until residential curbside recycling operation has resumed and staffing in Solid Waste Collections is at least 90%.

Council and Staff discussed further.

This item is open to the public: Boards and Commissions Discussion in Council Chambers

Staff is asking Council direction on what they would like for staff to report on in regards to all Boards & Commissions. At the December 4, 2024 meeting Council requested that Boards & Commissions be reviewed as to their effectiveness, if they are needed or if some of them need to be eliminated.

We have over 50 Boards and Commissions. There are high numbers of vacancies and we are constantly re-advertising.. The Mayor indicated she feels a comprehensive questionnaire or check-in to see what is going on. This gives the opportunity to see if these volunteers are utilizing their time or if the board is not serving their purpose

anymore.

Knoth said Boards and Commissions are created but we don't really ever reevaluate to see if they are serving their purpose. We need to manage resources and be mindful of the time of the volunteers and condensing the number of boards & commissions and maybe combine some of those.

While this isn't the most important thing that Council has, it is important that annually, a report from all of our boards & commissions.

Council and Staff discussed further.

II. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.