



Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 7, 2020

Re: Authorizing the City Manager to transfer control of features and artifacts recovered during archaeological investigations in the 1980s to the University of Missouri.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or the Manager's designee, to transfer control of features and artifacts recovered during archaeological investigations associated with the construction of the City's wastewater treatment plant and trunk sewers to the University of Missouri. This is necessary to meet the regulatory requirements of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act.

Discussion

The City's wastewater treatment plant and trunks sewers were constructed in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Archaeological investigations in the construction areas were required to meet federal statutes and executive orders (Executive Order 11593, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Reservoir Salvage Act as amended by Public Law 93-291; 36CFR800 *Protection of Cultural and Historic Properties*) and followed guidelines established by the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office, Department of Natural Resources. There were more than 20 sites investigated along Perche Creek, Hinkson Creek, Mill Creek, Bear Creek, Clear Creek and at the Wastewater Treatment Plant site.

The archaeological investigations recovered a large quantity of features: pottery, points, flakes, vegetation, bones, etc. The City contracted with the University of Missouri, Department of Anthropology to curate these features in perpetuity. Subsequent to these investigations, the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) was approved. This act requires the repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony be returned to the Tribes of lineal descent or cultural affiliation. The University is required to return any features meeting the regulatory requirements of NAGPRA to the Tribes. The features recovered from the City's investigations are currently controlled by the City. Approval of this ordinance would allow for transfer of control of any feature meeting the requirements of the NAGPRA to the University so both entities can comply with the requirements of NAGPRA.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: There is no fiscal impact.

Long-Term Impact: There is no fiscal impact.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
None	None

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.