



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Monday, July 1, 2024  
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Buffaloe, Lovelady, Waterman, Meyer, and Peters

**Absent:** 1 - Foster

#### **This item is open to the public:** Expansion of Henderson Branch Sewer

Utilities Director, Dave Sorrell presented Council with a summary that describes the potential economic and fiscal impact to Boone County by extending the Henderson Branch sewer line to serve businesses in the Midway area. The estimated cost for the sewer line expansion is between \$4.5 and \$5 million. Low-growth and high growth scenarios were analyzed to figure the potential economic impact of new business growth in the area. The analysis covers ten years, from 2027 to 2036.

Columbia's growing population, coupled with the expansion of I-70 over the next several years, has increased demand for Midway area development. However, existing and new business growth is limited by insufficient sewer infrastructure which the Henderson Branch sewer line extension would resolve.

Under the modest low growth scenario, an annual average of 29 jobs is expected, along with a cumulative \$8.3 million in labor income over 10 years. Boone County's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) would be a cumulative \$14.4 million larger over the period, with Gross Output gains of \$32 million. The combined county/city fiscal benefit over ten years is \$4 million.

In this scenario, there are 170 average annual jobs supported by these business activities, with a cumulative \$59 million in labor income. Gains in GDP (\$91.6M) and Gross Output (\$199.3M) are also expected. The combined county/city fiscal benefit over ten years is \$8.8 million.

Sorrell went on to discuss the direct fiscal impact to the City as well as Boone County economic impacts. Council members & Staff discussed further.

**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 confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo.

- Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore pursuant to Section 610.021(2) RSMo.
- Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups pursuant to Section 610.021(9) RSMo.

**At approximately 5:59 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 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 leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore pursuant to Section 610.021(2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups pursuant to Section 610.021(9) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Council Member Waterman.**

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

At approximately 6:02 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(1), (2), and (9).

## **II. ANY OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

None.

## **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The closed meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.