City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Finance Advisory and Audit Committee

Monday, September 15, 2025 1:00 PM	Regular	City Hall Council Chambers 701 E. Broadway Columbia, MO.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Maria Oropallo called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Brian Toohey left at approximately 1:44 p.m.

Jeff Shockley has not yet been appointed by Council at the time of this meeting, however Council will approve applicants at the Council meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Staff attending: Matthew Lue, Kristina Wolf, Cale Turner, Amanda Kent, Jim McDonald, Deepayan Debnath, and Shane Edwards

Present: 6 - Maria Oropallo, Randy Minchew, Brian Toohey, Peter Schneeberger, Ryan Euliss and Jeff Shockley

Unexcused: 1 - Kristian Bloom

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members and staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Minchew, seconded by Euliss; motion carries.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 18, 2025 Minutes

Attachments: FAAC Minutes 20250818

Motion to approve the minutes made by Minchew, seconded by Euliss; motion carries.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mission Statement

Members discussed the current redlined copy of the Finance Advisory and Audit Commission mission statement. Oropallo will make updates/changes and send to Council for approval.

Motion to send to Council the edited FAAC mission statement made by Toohey, seconded by Schneeberger; motion carries.

Legislation Discussion

Attachments: Edits to the FAAC Establishing Legislation

Members discussed the current duties and suggestions for changes to the current legislation. This topic will be added to the October 20, 2025 agenda.

FY26 Budget Discussion

Members and staff discussed any questions or concerns regarding the FY26 budget.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Risk Management Discussion

Members and staff discussed the recent request that Risk Management be relocated from Finance to the Law Department.

Update on Purchasing Ordinance

Lue stated as of now they have redline revisions, however there are concerns with the extensive changes that are being suggested. Members and staff discussed further.

Update on Investment Committee

Clearwater implementation is close to completion. Once done, Present this quarterly to FAAC and present to Council the same month.

VII. REPORTS

Monthly Economic Report

Attachments: Monthly Economic Report-September 2025

Finance staff presented members with a summary of the monthly finance report.
• Both in July and August, national unemployment increased. In August, the national unemployment rate increased further by 0.08 percentage points to 4.32%. However, during the same months, inflation went up. This could be due to uncertain trade policies.
• The unemployment rate in Columbia increased by 0.23 percentage points in July, reaching 4.46%. Similarly, Missouri's unemployment rate rose by 0.27 percentage points to 4.66% during this period. Consistently, the national unemployment rate rose by 0.13percentage points to 4.25% in July.
• Considering the steady increase in the unemployment rate, a rate cut during the Fed's September meeting is highly likely. However, the magnitude of the rate decrease remains uncertain.
• The Producer Price Index (PPI), a measure of wholesale prices on a seasonally adjusted basis, fell year-over-year to 2.63% in August from 3.31% in July. PPI, excluding food and energy, decreased to 2.84% in August, down from 3.64% in July. A declining PPI related to services may further increase the unemployment rate.
• National real GDP estimates for Q2 2025 have increased by 3.3% compared to Q1 2025, which was -0.5% in the previous quarter (Q1 2025 compared to Q4 2024). According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA, 2025, August 28), this is due to the decrease in imports.
• Meanwhile, the national Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 3.11% year-over-year in August. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI rose by approximately 0.4% in August compared to the previous month.
• Consistently, annual inflation among Midwestern cities with a population of less than 2.5 million increased to 3.12% in August compared to 3.03% last month. However, core

inflation (excluding food and energy) during the same period decreased by 0.20 percentage points to 3.37%.

• In July 2025, the median home price in Boone County declined by 1.57% compared to last year. Similarly, it has decreased by 2.54% over the last month. The median home price in Columbia in June is $346,000, which is $61,000 higher than the median price in Missouri. In July 2025, Boone County home sales totaled 217, a slight annual increase of 0.93%.

• Sales tax collections in September (July tax period) totaled around $4.78 million, while use tax collections came to $842,179, respectively, 9.53% ($503,292) lower and 30.50% ($196,834) higher than those of last year's September.

• In FY 2025, the City of Columbia's year-to-date total sales and use tax collections are down by $19,644, a slight 0.03% decrease. • Marijuana-related excise tax collection in September (July tax period) was $65,216. The total year-to-date collections for FY 2025 are $605,471, representing a 19.92% decrease from the same period last year. Note: All inflation measures are for Midwest cities with a population of less than 2.5 million.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Matthew Lue indicated that the audit will begin potentially in October.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 20, 2025

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:58 p.m. made by Minchew, seconded by Schneeberger; motion carries.