



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, January 6, 2020
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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020, 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: Council Members PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, and PITZER were present. The Deputy City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2019 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Trapp.

Mr. Pitzer asked that B387-19 be moved from the consent agenda to old business. The agenda, including the consent agenda with B387-19 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Treece and a second by Mr. Skala.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC1-20 Martha Brownlee-Duffeck - CATSO and Public Transit.

Ms. Brownlee-Duffeck, 701 S. Greenwood Avenue, explained she was a member of Missouri Faith Voices who served on the CoMo Transit Justice Coalition, and commented that for most of them, the non-bus riding members of public, it was difficult to imagine what it would be like to be in a situation where driving or expensive alternatives, such as Uber, were not a choice. She noted that when budget cuts to public transit had come before the Council in August of 2018, they had heard from members of the non-driving disability community. She recapped some of those stories, to include an elderly blind woman that had moved to an affordable home in northeast Columbia specifically because it was on a bus line that gave her access to groceries and other necessities to care for her spinal cord injured husband, and a young blind woman, who had been forced to move from her apartment near downtown Columbia because of the ever-increasing rents, signing a lease for a more affordable place on a bus line that would then potentially be cut. She noted they had heard from people with cerebral palsy, head injuries, and epilepsy, and they had all mentioned the centrality of riding the bus for access to activities that most people took for granted. She pointed out they had also begged the City to not cut public transit. She noted the Council had voted to make the cuts to the

bus lines, but had agreed to allow paratransit routes to remain intact and had compromised on the proposed price increase. In August of 2019, many from the non-driving disability community had returned to the Council with a petition of over 100 signatures supporting a proposal to reallocate funding for City buses with a nominal \$3 parking fee at the airport and Reverend Sarah Klaassen had spoken eloquently about the special place the poor held in faith traditions. A number of able-bodied members of the driving public had also provided public comment supporting the proposal. She noted Mayor Treece had asked those that were able to drive when the last time was that they had ridden the City bus, and they had all indicated they had never ridden it. Later a member of the disability community had indicated that no one would ride the bus unless they had no other choice as they would have to wait in the July hot sun as groceries melted and would then have to deal with the problems of crowding if there were multiple wheelchair and walker users on the short bus utilized on her route. She commented that the head of the Chamber of Commerce had spoken out strongly against the \$3 parking fee proposal and the Council had voted against the proposal expressing reluctance to reallocate money without a clear and specific plan to revamp the entire public transit system. She understood the Council had discussed and recommended creating an ad-hoc public transit commission modeled after the successful commission that had addressed climate change and whose recommendations had been approved and signed into policy in June of 2019, but that there had not been any further word on that committee. In response to the decision of Council, she noted a member of the disability community had said she guessed the City did not care about people like her. She explained that feeling, expressed by many in marginalized communities, had haunted her and had moved her to action. She stated she had begun a journey into the complicated world of Columbia public transit. It was a place where social justice intersected with climate change and it involved the future of all of them. She pointed out she had attended the CATSO meeting in November regarding the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, but had been disheartened afterward. She understood the majority of the billion-plus dollars in federal funds for transportation would be allocated to road expansion. In addition, after the public comment period, the revised 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan had included some decreases in roadway expansion and some increases in spending for walking and biking, but there had not been any change in terms of investing and incentivizing the use of public transportation. She pointed out the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan that had been passed by CATSO in December was also completely inconsistent with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan that had been passed by the Council, as it specifically called for reducing car travel and building a thriving public transit system. She understood the baseline for single-occupancy trips was 78 percent and the goal was to lower it to 40 percent by 2033 and to 10 percent by 2050. In that same table, the baseline for public transit had been one percent with a goal to increase it to 17 percent by 2033 and to 40 percent by 2050. In the season of New Year's resolutions, she hoped the Council would review and revise the CATSO process to make it transparent and inclusive from the outset and the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan so there was investment in and incentives for public transportation, making it consistent with the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan recommendations. She asked that equity be increased for everyone through transportation access.

SPC2-20

Jim Windsor - Open, honest and transparent government related to critical infrastructure.

Mr. Windsor, 200 Manor Drive, commented that recently five members of the Council had signed a letter that stated, in part, that they expected open, honest, and transparent government. As a citizen, he commended that concept, but as a ratepayer of the electric utility, he questioned its validity. Over 10 years ago, the first interested parties meeting regarding a new substation and the first council meeting on a proposed transmission line had been held. That had been followed by multiple interested parties meetings, council

work sessions, reviews of multiple Option A routes, the development of Option B routes, more input from residents, a community review and selection process, and money spent on consultants. The lengthy process had resulted in the purchase of property for the substation and the selection of a route called Option A to connect the new substation to the Perche Creek substation. It had also resulted in a bond proposal that had been presented to voters in April of 2015. Approximately half of the total bond proposal outlined in the information presented to voters was related to the transmission and substation projects. It had been approved by 68 percent of voters, and bonds worth about half of total bond authority had been issued. In addition, ratepayers had received a three percent rate increase to pay for the principal and interest on the bonds and City staff had moved forward with the purchase of the required substation transformers and other equipment needed to build the new substation and connect to the Grindstone and Perche Creek substations. They had also brought forward an authorization to proceed with the transmission line. It was at that point that a group that had been unhappy with the results of the lengthy public process had come before the Council in opposition to the transmission project. Four years ago in January of 2016, the Council had placed the transmission line on hold. In those four years, Mayor Treece had suggested a different route called Option E, and Burns & McDonnell had been paid \$100,000 for an in-depth study of Option E, which had been completed in July of 2018. A public presentation to Council had been part of the scope of work, but that had never occurred. He understood the study had shown Option E would cost a minimum of \$10 million more than Option A and had included a list of issues that could drive the cost up much higher. He noted Quanta had also been hired for an electric distribution study and had been paid \$100,000 as well. That study had been completed in July of 2019 and had included a public presentation as part of the contract that had also never occurred. He understood the study had shown that five substations would exceed 100 percent of their capacity should they lose one of their transformers. He noted the Perche Creek substation was the most in danger at 160 percent, which would occur at over 97 degrees. He stated staff had sent Council a synopsis of the Quanta report after he had raised the issue earlier this year. When a member of the Council had asked when the last time a substation transformer had failed, staff had indicated it did not happen often and that it had been several years, which was true as the last time it had occurred was in 2012 when the summer temperature was over 100 degrees. He pointed out summers had only reached 97 degrees since then. He commented that the fact the two reports had not been publicly discussed could be blamed on the previous City Manager, and asked the Council and the new City Manager to require the consultants to complete their contracts by publicly explaining the results in the spirit of open, honest, and transparent government. He noted the Council had approved the Westbury Village development in early 2019, and it had the potential to add over two megawatts of load to the already overloaded Perche Creek substation. In June of 2019, the Council had accepted the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and it had predicted higher summer temperatures and had encouraged switching motor vehicle fuels and natural gas equipment to electricity. It had also stated that more frequent extreme weather events would increase the risk of longer sustained power outages for the City's electric customers. After four years, they had yet another citizens committee and a consultant with a report due in September of 2020. He hoped this summer did not exceed 97 degrees, and pointed out reports based on summer temperatures at 97 degrees did not address the issue. The real issue was what would happen to the electric distribution system when the summer temperature reached 105 degrees, which was the temperature in 2011 when the last system peak occurred. Since policy would be developed that was based on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, he thought the question should be what would happen to the electric distribution system when the summer temperature exceeded the previous Columbia record temperature of 113 degrees, and stated he looked forward to open, honest, and transparent government addressing those questions.

SPC3-20 Julie Ryan, COMO Safe Water Coalition - Columbia's Water Treatment Plant...A Decade of Disappointment.

Ms. Ryan, 5301 Regal Way, stated she was with COMO Safe Water Coalition and asked the Council to think about their homes. She explained a situation whereby they might need an addition at some point in the future, and as a result, they had started talking about it and obtaining estimates. Although the roof had begun to leak, they had decided to wait to repair it since they had plans for an addition. In the meantime, there were now more missing shingles and other weak points causing leaks that were affecting the walls, floors, and other systems in the house and the roof was in a state of emergency. She noted the years of delayed maintenance due to the anticipated addition had taken its toll, and the roof would now cost more than it would have had it been fixed when the need had been identified. She commented that the decisions she might make for her home would only affect those within her household, but the decision to defer needed maintenance and repairs to the Water Treatment Plant affected tens of thousands of hard-working ratepayers. She stated she hoped this analogy provided some clarity to the current state the Water Treatment Plant. By allowing the concept of expansion to continue to guide decisions, the drinking water of Columbia had been put at risk. She noted former City Manager, Bill Watkins, had told Council in April of 2009, as the City was adding chloramine disinfection due to trihalomethane violations, that ammonia was a short-term solution and that the City would continue seeking long-term answers to the trihalomethane problem. Additionally, a Columbia Water and Light spokesperson had indicated that chlorine reacted with organic material in the water so another way to deal with it was to filter out that material. That person had explained a sand filtering method was currently used, but that they could go to a membrane filter to filter out more organic material. In 2015, a staff person of Columbia Water and Light had indicated a new bond issue could be proposed for the 2017 fiscal year, but they would not make firm plans until a long-term study was funded and approved by the Council as the study would look at ways Columbia could reduce its water use over the next several decades because if the City could cut demand, an expansion of the Water Treatment Plant might not be necessary. She understood the City began exploring the possibility of an expansion in 2012 and that the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan had identified \$116.9 million worth of water utility projects over the next 10 years, including \$32 million 3-5 years out for the first phase of a Treatment Plant expansion, but that only \$23 million had been allocated to the first phase of the Treatment Plant expansion. She stated the COMO Safe Water Coalition had been monitoring the situation since September of 2016, and in reviewing their comments, they realized they were continually saying the same things. She commented that five years ago, 43 percent of the assets of the Plant had been 0-10 years passed their useful life. She noted the repair process the utility was currently pursuing went against the recommendation that relying on major unit processes of the existing Plant would result in additional risk to the City and its customers due to the age and condition of the existing Plant. She pointed out the COMO Safe Water Coalition had never been given a response as to why the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) was not being used in conjunction with bonds to finance the needs of the community. She explained the raw water line that entered the basement beneath the aerators presented a potential single point of failure that would completely shut down the Plant because a break in that pipe would take a significant amount of time, potentially several days, to excavate and replace. A break during peak demand could potentially cause significant supply concerns within the system as there was no redundancy built into the raw water flow meter even though that flow meter was critical to Plant operation as it was used to determine chemical application rates and to record raw water flow. Any repair work required to remove the internal components of the flow meter would require the entire Plant to be shut down. She commented that the Plant had undergone an expansion in 2006 to bring capacity up to 32 million gallons per day, but by 2015 it had

already been de-rated to 24 million gallons per day. She noted there had been comments made about the Drinking Water Planning Work Group requesting capacity be restored at the Plant prior to expansion, but restoring capacity could be done by building a new treatment train. She pointed out other recommendations had been provided yet the capacity of the Plant was the only part of the narrative anyone considered to reference or promote. She stated the City of Hannibal had put the use of chloramines to a citizen vote in April 2017, which required a completed facility by March 2020. She understood they had a water bond vote in 2018 just like Columbia, and they had gone out for bids in January 2018 unlike Columbia. She felt Columbia should have pursued a different route. She commented that as the Plant failed, which it would, it would not be due to the staff at the Plant as they were asked to find ways to keep it running. It would be because City leaders and Columbia Water and Light staff refused to take the recommendations and warnings seriously by believing expansion down the road dictated the maintenance schedule.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH1-20 Proposed construction of a large shelter and connecting ADA accessible walkways adjacent to the finish line of the cross country course within Gans Creek Recreation Area.

Discussion shown with B385-19.

B385-19 Authorizing construction of a large shelter and connecting ADA accessible walkways adjacent to the finish line of the cross country course within Gans Creek Recreation Area; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

PH1-20 was read by the Clerk and B385-19 was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Treece closed the public hearing.

Mayor Treece stated he had been at the Gans Creek Recreation Area for the ribbon cutting and the first two tournaments where there had been a thousand spectators, and the comments he had received from coaches across the State were that this was a premier course. He understood they had been impressed with the elevations and bank-work as it allowed people to view the finish line at many angles. He believed this would be a great amenity.

Mr. Trapp noted it was impressive that staff could outcompete the private sector in terms of proposals submitted. There was a view that government was not efficient, but they had been able to complete the project on time and under budget. He stated he also loved that the University of Missouri was paying for something that was for its use but would also be available for the community. He felt it was a great partnership

B385-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B390-19 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Boone County, Missouri relating to the transfer of ownership of the County Fairgrounds Property located east of Highway 63 and Oakland Gravel Road.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Thompson provided a staff report.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, explained he and his sister had met with the Boone County Commissioners with respect to this property a couple of years ago, and believed the City would truly be taking on a task. He suggested they pay attention to the financials. He thought they should find out how much money the two companies were generating to the benefit of the City. He stated he had faith the property could make money, but felt it needed oversight.

Mr. Skala commented that he believed this could be the northern counterpart of the southern part of their sports facilities. This, in addition to the Atkins ballfields and some of the soccer fields across Highway 63, would complement the balance necessary in terms of sports facilities and had the capacity to attract major league kinds of sports events. He stated he was also pleased with the cooperation between the County and the City, which had been in need of repair. He believed this was a win-win situation and noted he would support it.

Mayor Treece stated he thought this had the potential to be a regional park like Cosmo and A. Perry Philips. He believed they would look back in 20 years and view this as a great opportunity. He noted the Parks and Recreation Department staff would have the next three years to develop a robust plan and gain public confidence for a good development there.

B390-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B387-19

Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of services with Boone County, Missouri for development of the "Boone County Food Policy Council" for the creation of a food policy plan and educational resources; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Browning provided a staff report.

Mr. Pitzer asked if the Food Policy Council was an entity of Boone County. Ms. Browning replied yes. Mr. Pitzer understood the Department of Public Health and Human Services would facilitate it. Ms. Browning stated that was correct, and explained it was because they were a City-Council department. Mr. Pitzer understood the strategic plan that was developed would be a document for the County entity. Ms. Browning stated that was correct. She pointed out they would be doing a lot of education with municipalities. She explained that as communities started to look at food systems, they tended to identify policy changes a municipality or county could make to increase access to healthy food. It was not necessarily monetary and could involve removing barriers to access. Mr. Pitzer understood that what the strategic plan identified would likely be implemented through the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Ms. Browning stated it could, but it could also involve school systems or local producers. She noted food policy went well beyond them as it could involve transportation and other systems. Mr. Pitzer understood the Plan would not come back to Council as it would go to the Boone County Commission. Ms. Browning stated that was correct.

Mr. Pitzer understood the funding for this project came from the \$500,000 Boone County had received from Boone County Hospital to address community health needs, and that this funding would not be available after the lease expired. Ms. Browning stated that was unknown. Mr. Pitzer explained he was concerned about creating an additional City entity that would require ongoing funding when they had all of these other funding needs. Ms. Browning stated this would involve a temporary employee so there was not a long-term commitment. Temporary employees worked for a set period of time and not more than 1,500 hours per year. In addition, this was just a pilot project of one year.

Mr. Skala commented that there had been an effort a few years ago to talk about these types of issues and asked if this was a more formal way of establishing a strategic plan

in order to move forward in that effort. Ms. Browning replied this was an off-shoot of that effort. Mr. Skala stated he was looking forward to the results as it had a regional emphasis and provided another example of City-County collaboration, which would strengthen that relationship.

Mr. Ruffin asked about the process for selecting the person that would coordinate this initiative. Ms. Browning replied she thought the Center for Urban Agriculture, who had been involved with the Food Policy Council, had someone whose time was ending, and believed that person would likely be hired to complete the work. She explained they could hire a temporary employee off the roster without going through a public process.

Mr. Ruffin asked if the project would be done with additional staff or community support or if the individual would have sole responsibility for developing the plan. Ms. Browning replied the person would work with the Health Promotions Supervisor, who was a member of the Health Improvement Team and Food Policy Council. She noted all of the people that made up the Food Policy Council had full-time jobs so this would be the person that helped move their efforts along.

Ms. Peters understood this was listed as a grant funded program and a one-year program, but the Council was being asked to appropriate \$30,000 that was not a part of the grant. She asked from where that money would come. Ms. Browning replied they were appropriating the money received from Boone County. She explained the County had given them \$30,000 that had not been included in the budget. Ms. Peters understood the City was taking money from the County and using it to pay for the temporary employee. Ms. Browning stated that was correct.

Mr. Trapp commented that he believed this was a great initiative as it seemed that food systems would best be done regionally. Something that had attracted him to this area was how well-developed the food systems were, but they still had gaps. He thought a strategic plan made sense as they could look at food aggregators, such as the commercial kitchens the Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) had done with Mizzou-North as it had addressed a missing piece. He understood the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture was growing in capacity and doing a lot more with the Food Bank. In addition, 40 percent of the food they were distributing was the preferred healthy food. He commented that although they had seen a lot of development, he believed food aggregators would be helpful. He noted the Columbia Public Schools likely did not want ten contracts with different providers, and reiterated he thought that would be an important part of the strategic plan. He stated he looked forward to seeing this move along as it would fill the gaps they had.

Mr. Thomas commented that he was thrilled to see this coming to fruition. This Countywide view of policy opportunities would allow them to make progress in their efforts to increase access to healthy foods and health equity.

Mayor Treece asked Ms. Browning if she thought there might be any discussion or movement toward an effort to help connect institutions that might have leftover food with persons that needed leftover food, like homeless shelters. He understood a food recovery app called Copia connected the two, but it was fairly complicated because hot food had to stay hot and cold food had to stay cold. In addition, health inspections were involved. He thought this might be an appropriate organization to at least look at the issue, which would involve drivers, people with Tupperware, etc. Ms. Browning stated she thought it was something they could consider as a policy recommendation and noted she would be happy to ask them to investigate the issue. Mayor Treece thought it would be interesting as at least a pilot project since they might have the density in terms of social service organizations and institutions with leftover food. He understood it had to be timely and usable. Ms. Browning agreed they did not want to put someone at risk because food was handled improperly. Mayor Treece pointed out the Emerson law was a federal law had been passed in the 1970s and granted immunity to anyone that donated food.

Mr. Skala stated he thought that was a great idea as there was a lot of surplus food that went to waste when it should not.

B387-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were given second reading and the resolution was read by the Clerk.

- B384-19 Accepting a conveyance for temporary construction purposes.
- B386-19 Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of services with Boone County, Missouri for the Teen Outreach Program (TOP).
- B388-19 Accepting grant funds from the United States Food and Drug Administration/Association of Food and Drug Officials for employee training for conformance with the FDA Retail Food Program Standards; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B389-19 Accepting grant funds from the United States Food and Drug Administration/Association of Food and Drug Officials for verification audits associated with continuing conformance with the FDA Retail Food Program Standards; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B391-19 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish a central business district special event venue loading zone; waiving the annual payment of fees for The Atrium loading zone.
- R1-20 Approving the Preliminary Plat for "Chapel Hill Meadows Plat 2" located on the northeast corner of Chapel Hill Road and Louisville Drive intersection (Case No. 14-2020).

The bills were given third reading and the resolution was read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B1-20 Calling a municipal election for Council Members for Wards 1 and 5.
- B2-20 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to TKG St. Peters Shopping Center LLC to allow the establishment of a drive-up facility (restaurant) on property located at 201 S. Providence Road in the M-DT (Mixed-Use Downtown) zoning district; providing a severability clause (Case No. 06-2020).
- B3-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Ripley Street Subdivision" located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ripley Street and Richardson Street (300 and 302 Ripley Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 236-2019).

- B4-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Liberty Square - Plat 5," located on the southwest corner of Penn Terrace and Creekwood Parkway (Case No. 11-2020).
- B5-20 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, for emergency veterinary services.
- B6-20 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the Share the Light Program for the purchase of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be distributed to low income residents.
- B7-20 Accepting donated funds for the Parks and Recreation Department's Holiday Toys for Columbia's Youth Program; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B8-20 Accepting donations for various Parks and Recreation Department programs; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B9-20 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to parking violations; repealing Section 14-616 and amending Chapter 15 to repeal and re-enact in place thereof a new Section 15-19 relating to Municipal Court costs.

X. REPORTS

- REP1-20 Correspondence from the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council regarding proposed changes to membership and duties.
- Mayor Treece commented that he did not object to bringing back the desires of the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council in the form of an ordinance. He stated he also thought it might be timely to look at boards and commissions to determine if they were necessary and how they might be operating. Mr. Skala agreed.
- REP2-20 Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors - Annual Membership and Membership Change due to a Resignation.
- Mayor Treece explained the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) had provided a slate of officers. The communication had indicated six officers for terms of 2020-2024 when in reality it would involve one expired term that would end in 2021 and five serving new three-year terms of 2020-2023. He commented that he had neither accepted or rejected their slate, but had asked them to return a better slate that also provided choices, i.e. multiple candidates for each term. He understood the Downtown CID would have a meeting soon and would submit an alternate slate. He noted no action was necessary tonight.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, thanked Ms. Brownlee-Duffeck for her comments on public transit and other issues that needed to be addressed and Ms. Ryan for her comments regarding the treatment of water in Columbia. He asked the Council to look into those issues. He also thanked Mayor Treece for bringing up the issue of leftover food.

Mr. Elkin commented that there was a need for homeless shelters and an investment in the lives of people. He pointed out violence was expensive, and wondered if that was related to homelessness. He stated he wanted people off of the streets, but was not asking that a shelter be available for someone 365 days a year and year after year as

that was not his idea of a shelter.

Mr. Skala stated he hoped Mr. Glascock was feeling better and welcomed the Deputy City Manager, Mr. Seewood, to the dais.

Mr. Thomas explained he would be absent from the February 3, 2020 Council Meeting due to a work commitment. He understood that meant he would miss the vote on the short-term rental ordinance if it followed the initial timeline indicated. He noted he would share his recommendations with the Council prior to that meeting if the vote was still anticipated to occur then.

Ms. Peters asked that a pre-council meeting be held with regard to the Water Treatment Plant in terms of where they were with the bond issues, any plans, what was considered routine maintenance, a timeframe, etc.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:55 p.m.