



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Regular

**City Hall
Council Chamber
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO**

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025, 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 Member DON WATERMAN, Council Member BETSY PETERS, Mayor BARBARA BUFFALOE, Council Member VALERIE CARROLL, and Council Member NICK FOSTER were present. Council Member JACQUE SAMPLE was absent. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, City Counselor Nancy Thompson, City Clerk Sheela Amin, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2025 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Foster.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2025 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Waterman.

The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Buffaloe and a second by Council Member Peters.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI7-25

Recognition of Former Council Member Lisa E.A. Meyer.

Mayor Buffaloe and City Manager Seewood presented former Council Member Meyer with a resolution of appreciation, a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in her honor in a park of her choice, a stained-glass artwork of the City logo, and a print of the Bear Creek Trail.

Former Council Member Meyer stated it had been an honor to be of service, expressed her appreciation for some of the projects they had worked on for Ward 2 and Columbia as a whole, such as the Flock cameras, the art wraps at Parkade Elementary School as well as at the corner of Vandiver Drive and Providence Road, and the upcoming pollinator improvement pilot project along Providence Road, and hoped for solutions to the Park de Ville trash situation, the Prairieview Subdivision issues, and pedestrian safety concerns. She encouraged routine mammograms as she had felt great when diagnosed with breast cancer, explained the cumulative impact of sixteen rounds of chemo and immunotherapy along with the mastectomy had been challenging, and stated that although her response to surgery was good with clear margins, the greatest chance of recurrence was within these first two years and she was still dealing with fatigue, causing her to make the difficult decision to resign. She explained she remained a concerned and caring citizen who believed safety and infrastructure should be the top priorities, and again thanked everyone for their kindness, support, and the opportunity to serve.

The Council thanked former Council Member Meyer for her resilient service, stated appreciation for her bravery for stepping down from a position she valued and loved, expressed their enjoyment in working with her, looked forward to continuing to hear from

her, and wished her well in the future.

SI8-25

Swearing in of Erin Keys as the Director of Utilities for the City of Columbia.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Erin Keys as the Director Utilities for the City of Columbia.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH18-25

Proposed construction of improvements at Twin Lakes Recreation Area.

Discussion shown with B117-25.

B117-25

Approving a revised Twin Lakes Recreation Area Master Plan; authorizing construction of improvements at Twin Lakes Recreation Area; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.

The public hearing was read by the City Clerk, and the bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

Mayor Buffaloe opened the public hearing.

Regina Shelton, a Fourth Ward resident and daily dog park user, stated her support for the improvements as it would address accessibility and safety concerns as many seniors with mobility issues utilized the dog park to allow their dogs to exercise because they were unable to walk them and the larger dog park area would provide the opportunity for people to spread out, which would lessen injuries caused by dogs getting underneath people's feet and car break-ins.

Siri Nyrop, Hulen Drive, explained large portions of what they called the winter park, when soaked, were hard to walk on, which was one of the reasons the extra dog park space was needed, and stated the four trees at the top of the winter park have grown beautifully and were providing some shade.

Carolyn Amparan, a Fourth Ward resident and frequent dog park user, stated her support for the expansion of the dog park into the Little Mates Cove area as it was an all-seasons dog park used by lots of people and dogs, pointed out the dog park was not only for dogs as it also provided social and exercise opportunities for people, agreed shade was needed, suggested the parking lot improvements include the use of materials that did not take in heat like asphalt to assist their four-legged friends, and indicated her support for all of the other improvements.

Steve Spellman, a Fourth Ward resident, explained he lived nearby and utilized the park 3-5 times per week, felt this plan for maximization of the space seemed reasonable, stated his disappointment regarding the abandonment of the Little Mates Cove, but believed a splash pad with low maintenance and staff needs was reasonable as was the salvaging of the restrooms, noted he had not experienced a break-in, but indicated shady vehicles were sometimes in the area at night, and pointed out it was a highly utilized park.

There being no further comment, Mayor Buffaloe closed the public hearing.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B117-25 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SAMPLE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B113-25 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Signature Collections LLC to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 221 Brenda Lane; providing a severability clause (Case No. 162-2025).

The bill was given second reading by the City Clerk.

Community Development Director Tim Teddy provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

Hero Ladores, owner of Signature Collections LLC and this property, stated he and his wife had purchased the property specifically for a short-term rental, had tried to obtain approval prior to purchasing the property, but was told that was not possible, understood some neighbors objected to the use of the property as a short-term rental due to concerns that it would be a party house, explained the property had cameras and noise detection systems which would help monitor and address any issues, noted they had obtained a long-term rental certificate in case this property was not approved as a short-term rental, but indicated they would lose money if they had to utilize it as a long-term rental, and responded to Council questions.

The Council asked questions and made comments.

B113-25 was given third reading by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SAMPLE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were given second reading and the resolutions were read by the City Clerk.

B106-25 Vacating a portion of the Artemis Drive right-of-way located south of Endeavor Avenue; directing the City Clerk to record the ordinance (Case No. 118-2025).

B107-25 Vacating utility and drainage easements within Discovery Park Subdivision located at the terminus of Artemis Drive and south of Endeavor Avenue; directing the City Clerk to record the ordinance (Case No. 113-2025).

B108-25 Approving a major amendment to the PD Planned Development and Preliminary Plat of "Discovery Apartments" located at the terminus of Artemis Drive and south of Endeavor Avenue; approving a statement of intent; amending Ordinance No. 018043 to approve an increase in the maximum gross square footage of buildable floor area set forth in Exhibit 21 - Table A established for Tracts 4, 5, and 9 (Case No. 92-2025).

B109-25 Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Oscar Plat 1 to allow direct driveway connections to Vandiver Drive and Range Line Street (Case No. 90-2025).

B110-25 Approving the Final Plat of "Oscar Plat 1" located on the northwest corner of Range Line Street and Vandiver Drive (1901 Range Line Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 90-2025).

- B111-25 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Claire Altman to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 115 Clinton Drive; providing a severability clause (Case No. 130-2025).
- B112-25 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Stealth Rental Properties LLC to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 1010 W. Broadway; providing a severability clause (Case No. 161-2025).
- B114-25 Authorizing an annexation agreement with D & D Investments of Columbia, LLC for property located on the north side of St. Charles Road and west of Route Z; directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded (Case No. 61-2025).
- B115-25 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with George L. Crawford & Associates, Inc., d/b/a CBB, for a road audit of the Business Loop 70 corridor; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B116-25 Accepting conveyances for sewer purposes; accepting a Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenant; directing the City Clerk to have the conveyances recorded.
- B118-25 Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Public Health and Human Services Department; amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget Appendix - Authorized Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position identification summary; amending the FY 2025 Classification and Pay Plan by reassigning a classification.
- B119-25 Authorizing a tourism development sponsorship agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2025 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me State Games.
- B120-25 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2025 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me State Games.
- B121-25 Amending Chapter 24 of the City Code to establish requirements relating to trenchless excavation associated with the installation of utilities in public rights-of-way.
- R77-25 Authorizing an agreement for firm point-to-point transmission service with Southwest Power Pool, Inc. for compliance with tariffs regarding the transmission of electric power from the Iatan II power plant.
- R78-25 Authorizing Aviation Project Consultant Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. associated with the west parking lot resurfacing project at the Columbia Regional Airport.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read by the City Clerk with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SAMPLE. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- R79-25 Authorizing the temporary closures of portions of sidewalk on the west side of Eighth Street and the south side of Broadway, and certain parking stalls on the south side of Broadway and the west side of Eighth Street, to facilitate exterior repairs to the Central Bank building.

The resolution was read by the City Clerk.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions.

R79-25 was read by the City Clerk, and the vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WATERMAN, PETERS, BUFFALOE, CARROLL, FOSTER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: SAMPLE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B122-25 Rezoning property located on the south side of Clark Lane and west of St. Charles Road (5320 Clark Lane) from District M-N (Mixed-use Neighborhood) to District M-C (Mixed-use Corridor) (Case No. 154-2025).
- B123-25 Rezoning property located on the east side of Oakland Gravel Road and south of Blue Ridge Road (3310 Oakland Gravel Road) from District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) to District R-2 (Two-family Dwelling) (Case No. 167-2025).
- B124-25 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Ashleigh Stundebek to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 1617 Highridge Circle; providing a severability clause (Case No. 134-2025).
- B125-25 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to the Wyatt Family Trust to allow the operation of a short-term rental on property located at 534 W. Southampton Drive; providing a severability clause (Case No. 168-2025).
- B126-25 Approving the Final Plat of "Bennett Ridge Plat 1" located on the east side of Creasy Springs Road and north of Proctor Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 29-2025).
- B127-25 Authorizing an annexation agreement with Jacob M. Rose and Anna M. Rose for property located on the west side of Cedar Grove Boulevard (1101 S. Cedar Grove Boulevard); directing the City Clerk to have the agreement recorded (Case No. 99-2025).
- B128-25 Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for commuter lot and campus shuttle bus service for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- B129-25 Accepting conveyances associated with construction of the Spring Brook roundabout project to be located at the intersection of Veterans United Drive and MU Healthcare/Veterans Middle Drive; directing the City Clerk to have the conveyances recorded.
- B130-25 Accepting conveyances for underground electric purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants; directing the City

Clerk to have the conveyances recorded.

B131-25 Authorizing an agreement with the City of Boonville, Missouri for mutual aid fire services.

B132-25 Authorizing an agreement with the City of Mexico, Missouri for mutual aid fire services.

B133-25 Amending the FY 2025 Annual Budget for third quarter appropriation of funds.

X. REPORTS

REP26-25 Public Transit Advisory Commission (PTAC) Annual Report.

Public Works Director Shane Creech provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

REP27-25 Pollinators Beautification Report Update.

Office of Cultural Affairs Manager Sarah Dresser and Office of Sustainability Manager Eric Hempel provided a staff report, and responded to Council questions and comments.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, commented about the health of the homeless of which many were veterans, asked that the foods being served to the homeless be looked into as he believed sugar fed cancer, understood the use of illegal drugs was tied to people having trouble facing life, and felt the youth needed to be taught skills to cope with life.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp, a representative of Race Matters, Friends, felt Parks and Recreation Director, Gabe Huffington, had done a great job of redirecting and bringing everyone back to the conversation regarding Douglass Park, was appreciative of the frustrations related to this area as there were still sentiments of unrest related to urban renewal, suggested the bathrooms be considered prior to the second phase of the project, recommended that the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association be reconstituted along with checking in with all neighborhood associations as that was a way for people to be engaged and kept in the loop, stated appreciation for the community connectors and suggested the Council speak with them about what they were hearing, indicated she would assist with providing a historical backdrop because having that understanding would help them with their work, and recommended the City tread lightly before adding names to the Douglass Park area as Frederick Douglass represented freedom.

Shane Lowe, 1133 Ashland Road, indicated he commuted by bicycle on a daily basis, suggested improvements when traveling down to the Grindstone Creek area as the pedway narrowed tightly with a guardrail on one side and a chain-link fence on the other side making it uncomfortable for users as it was difficult to pass, stated Ponderosa Street did not have great pedestrian access as some connections were missing, pointed out the area off of Old 63 when coming off of the hill where the sidewalk abruptly ended as needing attention due to an asphalt dip that a person in a wheelchair would have difficulty navigating, and noted he would raise these issues with the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission as well.

Alison Kaiser, a Fourth Ward resident on Hulen Drive, understood the City was grappling with a recycling conundrum, offered her support to facilitate and expedite the new recycling facility, and felt they should pay more for refuse collection as they were consumers that had the responsibility to minimize and recycle for the community and for

future generations.

The Council and staff discussed various topics to include appreciation for those that had attended the Douglass Park basketball court and park improvement public engagement meetings as they had involved a variety of voices and had been productive as well as for staff, particularly Parks and Recreation Director Gabe Huffington and Engagement Coordinator Shawna Johnson, who had participated in the meetings, for their responsiveness and efforts in making the time to start difficult conversations, which would hopefully help build trust, the fact the City Council would be holding at least four other community engagement opportunities with regard to the federal executive orders related to DEI, information regarding the dates, times, and locations of those opportunities along with the open house format of those “office hours” to facilitate conversations as well as providing information about the potential impacts of cuts to federal funding on families and community members, understanding the comments of Alison Kaiser regarding the sense of urgency by the public to start recycling again, the fact staff was working hard to determine how the recycling efforts could begin again in a comprehensive manner, i.e. with a permanent solution as well as some interim solutions, the conversation with regard to improvements at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area being a good example of how staff responded to concerns, the excitement with regard to the pollinator beautification program, the fact that the inaugural Gold Star Memorial Day Parade, in celebration and remembrance of many, had been held a week ago, thanking the staff involved with that Parade as many people had assisted and some had even put up street closure barricades at 3:00 a.m. that morning, and yesterday being the kick-off for Pride Month, which provided an opportunity to celebrate diversity at a time when were many members of the community that were feeling vulnerable.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:05 p.m.