



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, September 16, 2019
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, September 16, 2019, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by scouts from Troop 708 and Troop 7, and the roll was taken with the following results: Council Members PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, and PITZER were present. Council Member THOMAS was absent. The Interim City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

Mayor Treece explained the September 3, 2019 Council Meeting minutes were not yet complete.

The agenda, including the consent agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Treece and a second by Mr. Skala.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI11-19

Swearing in of Geoff Jones as Police Chief of the City of Columbia.

Mayor Treece asked Geoff Jones to join Mr. Glascock, Interim City Manager, and Ms. Amin, City Clerk, at the podium.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Jones as Police Chief of the City of Columbia.

SI12-19

Resolution of Appreciation - Randy White, Fire Chief.

Mayor Treece asked Fire Chief Randy White to join him at the podium. He explained this was Chief White's last month on the job with the Columbia Fire Department, and noted he embodied what the community expected from their firefighters and leaders. Last April, on a Sunday afternoon when Aldi's had been engulfed by a fire, Chief White was there directing apparatus and assets from multiple stations and fire departments. He noted that was a sign of a true leader as he was there in a hands-on capacity with the skills and experience needed for the front line. Mayor Treece stated he had spoken at the Fire Recruit Graduation last Thursday and one could see the amount of pride Chief White had in the recruits, and when talking to firefighters, he understood they would be willing to ride on Chief White's truck at any time.

Mayor Treece read and presented Chief White with a resolution of appreciation on his almost 21 years of service.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BC10-19

Board and Commission Applicants.

Upon receiving the majority vote of the Council, the following individuals were appointed to the following Boards and Commissions.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Schmidt, Robert, 1806 N. Garth Avenue, Ward 2, Term to expire July 31, 2020

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Page, Brian, 17 Aldeah Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire May 1, 2024

Rogers, Kittie, 504 N. William Street, Ward 3, Term to expire November 1, 2021

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODES COMMISSION

Williams, Eric, 1001 Madison Street, Ward 1, Term to expire August 1, 2022

CITY OF COLUMBIA NEW CENTURY FUND INC. BOARD

Sajko, Amy, 401 N. Village Circle, Ward 5, Term to expire September 30, 2022

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Driskel Hawxby, Lisa, 3809 Larkspur Court, Ward 6, Term to expire October 31, 2020

Mayor Treece explained they had two vacancies on the Community Land Trust Organization Board and that they were still trying to reconcile the bylaws of the Board with the City's ordinance in terms of home occupant. He suggested they leave the vacancies open until the issue was resolved.

Mr. Trapp commented that while they were talking about the Community Land Trust Organization Board, he wondered if another council member would be willing to serve as the council liaison to that Board. He explained he had difficulty attending the meetings and thought a fresh face on that Board would be good.

Mayor Treece asked if they wanted to appoint another council member to be the liaison or eliminate the council liaison position now that the Land Trust had been established for a year. Mr. Skala stated he thought it was always a good idea to have a council liaison, pending workload. Mayor Treece suggested they leave the council liaison position open for now, and noted it could be addressed if anyone expressed interest in serving.

Ms. Amin asked if it would be okay to no longer advertise these vacancies until the issue with the bylaws versus the ordinance was resolved. Mr. Skala and Mayor Treece replied yes. Ms. Peters asked if someone would notify Mr. Ferlazzo. Ms. Amin stated the City Clerk's Office would.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS ADVISORY BOARD

Drury, Tom, 4603 Slocumb Court, Ward 2, Term to expire September 30, 2021

Hickman, Tim, 5004 Covington Court, Ward 5, Term to expire September 30, 2021

Marcks, Melody, 3020 W. Wildflower Court, Boone County, Term to expire September 30, 2021

Strodtman, Rusty, 4009 Quinton Court, Ward 2, Term to expire September 30, 2021

Mayor Treece suggested they readvertise the Marijuana Facility License Review Board vacancy for a more robust pool of applicants.

Ms. Peters asked how many people were on this Board. Mayor Treece replied three. Ms. Amin stated it was the Finance Department Director, the Public Health and Human Services Department Director, and a citizen at-large.

Mr. Pitzer asked if there were any time constraints in getting this filled. Mayor Treece replied he thought late October was the earliest the State would make any awards and the City's timeline was 90 days afterwards. As a result, he thought they had some time.

Mr. Skala commented that given that this was a relatively new concept, he thought it would be wise to readvertise.

PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD

Kelly, Jacqueline, 2700 Chapel Wood Terrace, Ward 4, Term to expire September 30,

2022

Lantzy, Walter, 4102 Beach Pointe Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire September 30, 2022

Mayor Treece asked that the vacancies for the Tax Increment Financing Commission be readvertised for a more robust pool of applicants.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC61-19 Dr. John Brown - Why I like the idea of having the Shepard to Rollins Trail.

Mr. Brown withdrew his request to speak.

SPC62-19 Richard King - Transparent government.

Mr. King withdrew his request to speak.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH36-19 FY 2020 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B233-19 Adopting the FY 2020 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B234-19 Amending Chapter 5 and Chapter 11 of the City Code as it relates to Public Health and Human Services Department fees.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B235-19 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater utility charges.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B236-19 Amending Chapter 17 of the City Code as it relates to Parks and Recreation fees.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B237-19 Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code as it relates to planning and zoning processing fees.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B265-19 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code as it relates to personnel policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B266-19 Adopting the FY 2020 Classification and Pay Plan; providing for FY 2020 salary adjustments relating to the Classification and Pay Plan.

Discussion shown with B267-19.

B267-19 Establishing plan year 2020 active employee medical and dental premium rates, non-Medicare medical rates, and retiree dental premium rates for the City of Columbia; providing for payroll withholdings.

PH36-19, B233-19A, B234-19, B235-19, B236-19, and B237-19 were read by the Clerk, and B265-19, B266-19, and B267-19 were given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece explained this was the final public hearing on the budget, and at the previous meeting, they had voted on some amendments to the budget. He understood there were a few more clean-up amendments.

Mr. Glascock and Ms. Peveler provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala understood they had participated in a similar grant previously for more firefighters, and asked where they were with respect to it. He wondered if the City was already responsible for those costs. Ms. Peveler replied yes. She noted the last grant had been in 2015 or 2016 for five firefighters so the City had been absorbing that cost for a couple of years now.

Ms. Peveler continued the staff report.

Mayor Treece stated there had been an amendment sheet in the packet and he had been provided another amendment sheet this evening, and asked which should be used. Ms. Peveler replied the one handed out this evening. She explained she had changed a couple of the numbers.

Mr. Pitzer understood that with the two additional stations that were funded, one could be staffed with current staffing levels, but this grant would allow both to be staffed with the shifting of some personnel. Chief White stated that was correct. He explained they had a two-person squad crew at this time, and these three additional firefighters would be added to that crew to make it a full crew. They would then be able to transfer that crew to a front line apparatus and utilize them to open an additional station. Mr. Pitzer understood it would be an extra crew until those stations were available. Chief White explained they would have to go through the hiring process and 15 weeks of training before they could be on shift, and they would likely be used as floaters until they were ready to open the station.

Mayor Treece commented that in addition to the amendment sheet handed out tonight, they needed to incorporate page 36, which had the sales tax break down and the utility rate charges. He noted pages 124-129 of the budget that had been distributed had a printing error, and since they had amended the budget, the numbers did not match at all. He stated he would make a motion at the end of this process to incorporate everything into the final budget so there was no confusion.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Treece made a motion to amend B233-19A per the amendment sheet dated September 16, 2019, which had been handed out that evening. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Treece made a motion to amend B233-19A so page 36, which involved the financial impact on citizens, the sales tax rate breakdown, and the residential utility rate changes, and the pages involving the enterprise funds CIP funding sources, be corrected and adopted as necessary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Treece thanked the Finance Department Director and the Finance Budget Officer along with the other department directors for their work on the budget. He knew what they had seen in the last few weeks was nothing compared to what had been done in the last six months. He appreciated the extra time and attention in responding to questions.

The vote on B234-19 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA. VOTING NO: PITZER. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

The vote on B235-19 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

The vote on B236-19 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA. VOTING NO: PITZER. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

The vote on B237-19 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA. VOTING NO: TREECE, PITZER. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B265-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B266-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B267-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

The vote on B233-19A, as amended, was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B263-19 Authorizing the issuance of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019B; and prescribing other matters relating thereto.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece understood an amendment was needed to reflect the pricing, summary, and schedule of the bonds that were sold today.

Ms. Thompson provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if rates could be lowered. Ms. Thompson replied she thought they could expect this to result in fewer increases in the future for operational purposes. She explained historically that was how the City had handled the cost savings that had come from bond issues.

Mayor Treece made a motion to amend B263-19 per the amendment sheet provided by Ms. Thompson, which reflected the interest rate and pricing summary among other things. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Trapp commented that this would provide a tremendous amount of savings, far more than had been expected. He thanked everyone involved. Mr. Skala agreed.

B263-19, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B268-19 Authorizing provisions pertaining to conditions of employment for City employees represented by Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 773.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Buckler provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if both sides engaged in good faith negotiations. Ms. Buckler replied yes. Mayor Treece understood they had been able to reach a mutual agreement. Ms. Buckler stated that was correct. Mayor Treece asked how long the ordinance would be in effect. Ms. Buckler replied one year. Mayor Treece asked if this would convert to a collective bargaining agreement if the litigation on HB1413 was disposed of or if that would require a separate act. Ms. Buckler replied she thought it would have to be a new collective bargaining agreement amendment. Mayor Treece asked if that would happen in the spring. Ms. Buckler replied the process would begin again in January. Ms. Thompson explained they would expect to see this as an agreement next fall.

Mayor Treece asked when they would revisit Chapter 19 to update it to reflect collective bargaining. Ms. Buckler replied the Council had just approved that with the Chapter 19 amendments.

Mr. Skala commented that they were adopting a slightly different approach due to pending litigation and asked for an explanation so the public understood the reason. Ms. Buckler replied as part of the legislative session in May 2018, HB1413, which had been passed by the State, had placed an interesting structure on the collective bargaining ability of public sector employee unions with the exemption of police and fire unions. It required certification elections every three years and many reporting requirements. A lawsuit had since been filed by numerous different entities so it had been enjoined and no decision had been made. She noted the City still had discussions with the employees covered by those unions in an effort not to undo everything that had been done previously.

B268-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES:

PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B269-19

Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Professional Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 1055.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Buckler provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if both sides had engaged in good faith negotiations. Ms. Buckler replied she believed so. Mayor Treece understood they had been able to reach a mutual agreement. Ms. Buckler stated that was correct. Mayor Treece asked if the City Manager had been an active participant. Ms. Buckler replied yes.

Mr. Pitzer commented that the 48-hour shift seemed fairly long, and asked if there would be an evaluation of the work schedule to see how it was working and whether it would be a permanent change. Chief White replied the 48/96 schedule was the current trend, and it had been written into the contract that there would be an evaluation and that the issue would be revisited after one year. They had determined the metrics they wanted to track and Deputy Chief Fansler was working on a baseline for it. After a year, it would be evaluated and a recommendation would be provided to the City Manager in terms of whether to continue the trial process or implement it.

Mr. Pitzer asked Chief White to summarize what some of those metrics might involve. Chief White replied forms of absenteeism, such as sick leave use, difficulties with constant staffing, etc. They wanted to determine how it was affecting the workload in terms of training, inspections, etc. Mr. Pitzer asked if they would be measuring the effectiveness in the second 24-hour period. Chief White replied that would be difficult. He thought they would likely look at whether they had a lot of sick leave usage on the second day, which would mean they were not fit for duty. The determination of effectiveness would likely be reliant on division chiefs and battalion chiefs in terms of whether they felt the employee was sufficiently rested to continue the shift. He stated that was information they would have to gather as they moved along. There was not really a good metric for it. Mr. Pitzer understood someone in management would be responsible for determining if someone was fit for duty. Chief White replied yes. He explained they had that function now, but it typically involved injuries. He noted they had

the ability to discuss fitness for duty with employees and determine whether that person could remain at work.

Mr. Pitzer understood this was something the firefighters had asked for an encouraged, and asked if this would help with recruiting and retention. Chief White replied it put them at a more competitive basis. It was a schedule that allowed firefighters to have more whole weekends off, which was better for family life. Fire departments that had gone to it had completed evaluations, and the number of departments that had gone away from it after one year due to issues was very small. In fact, he had not heard of any department that had gone away from it once they had moved to it.

Ms. Peters asked if this was considered safe. She felt the second 24 hours could be unsafe for citizens and firefighters. Chief White replied there were multiple studies, but the trend was relatively recent. As a result, he was not sure there were many long-term studies on it. He explained he had found both positive and negative results in his research. It was difficult to determine how those studies related to the Columbia Fire Department. He noted a concern was customer service, and they had to be fit in order to provide good customer service. It was something they would have to watch very carefully. The busier the station, the more difficult it would be, and it might require some operational changes in terms of swapping out crews, etc. It was something the firefighters had brought forward and he did not see any reason to not do it for at least a trial period.

Ms. Peters understood it would be done for a trial period, but there were not any long-term studies. She believed everyone would like it until there was a problem. She stated she had concerns. Chief White explained it would have to be revisited to determine whether it was as effective as they wanted.

Ms. Peters wondered how the 48-hours on affected family life. Chief White replied it was a personal decision and affected people in different ways. Some people would enjoy it because they would not have to come and go every morning, but others that had needs outside of work might find it more difficult. He reiterated that it came down to personal preference.

Ms. Peters asked if the firefighters would have the option to go to the 48-hour schedule. Chief White replied they would all go to the 48/96 schedule based on the vote by the members of the union. Ms. Peters understood the individual decision involved whether to stay with the Columbia Fire Department if one did not like the new schedule. Chief White stated that was correct.

Timothy O'Brien, 1204 Pannell Street, explained he was representing Local 1055 and pointed out that they currently worked a 24-hour schedule so they were on a day, off a day, on a day, off a day, and then had four days off. In addition, the current process involved constant staffing when numbers were low. They first asked people to volunteer to work open shifts, and this resulted in some being on a 48-hour schedule if not a 72-hour schedule. He noted this was already occurring and they already watched for it. In addition, a supervisor was in charge of their apparatus and crew. If someone was not fit for duty, it was reported to the division chief that was in charge of the shift. It was something that was addressed now. He commented that a sleep study had been discussed during collective bargaining. He understood the schedule they were currently on was the worst of the sleep schedules because it took three days to recover from a bad day. He agreed there could be an issue with the 48/96 schedule, but they would have started with four days of rest. He also agreed a 72-hour shift could occur with the 48/96 schedule, and explained one individual would work that 72-hour shift and another individual would come back to work the second day if someone was gone for two days. He noted they were already working through the process of keeping people rested, and reiterated that the supervisor was there to make sure they were all fit for duty in terms of sleep, strength, emotion, etc. He commented that many departments were moving to this schedule due to the sleep and health benefits. A second benefit was to remain competitive with recruitment and retention.

Mr. Skala understood the issue was 72 hours not 48 hours. Mr. O'Brien stated that was

correct, and explained that would be the case if there was not any sleep that occurred on the schedule. He pointed out their shifts were designed around rest, and they had rest periods throughout the day. They did not have 72 hours of non-stop calls, and really did not see 48 hours of non-stop calls.

Mr. Pitzer asked how many of the membership had chosen the 48/96 schedule. Mr. O'Brien replied about 98 percent of the membership had agreed to the package that had been brought forward to the Council, and felt that was a good representation of the membership that wanted to move in that direction.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, commented that what was being proposed was very exhilarating to the physical body. He explained he had tried to assist with a grass fire once and had been worn out in about 30 minutes. He understood there were not many back-to-back events, but wondered what would happen if that occurred when one was on their second 24-hour shift. He did not believe the firefighters could recuperate from two hard days and be able to do it again as they had to recover mentally in addition to recovering physically.

Mr. Pitzer understood a residency requirement was being proposed as well. Chief White stated that was correct. He explained they had mandatory constant staffing and emergency call-backs for larger fires and events so proximity to the fire stations was important. As part of the negotiation process, they negotiated a residency requirement as they felt it would be beneficial for the firefighters and the City of Columbia. One of the potential pitfalls of a 48/96 schedule was the ability of firefighters to live further away from their communities. He pointed out one of the reasons that schedule had been developed in California was because firefighters could not afford to live in the areas they served, and since the traffic was so bad, it was taking them a long time to go back and forth to work. He commented they wanted to encourage Columbia firefighters to be within range of the City of Columbia, and not utilize this as a way to live somewhere else and only come into the community to work. They wanted the firefighters to be a part of the community. Ms. Buckler pointed out it was a 35 mile radius from Station No. 1. Mr. Pitzer asked if this was for new hires only or current hires as well. Chief White replied new hires.

Ms. Peters asked how many of the current firefighters lived within 35 miles of Station No. 1. Chief White replied he did not have an exact number. He understood there were some that lived outside of that range, but not very far outside of that range. Ms. Peters asked if 60 percent lived within the 35 mile radius. Chief White replied he thought the percentage was higher than that. He stated he would be surprised if more than 10 percent lived outside of that 35 mile radius.

Mr. Skala commented that he was glad to see the attempt to mitigate people living too far away with the shift change.

B269-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B270-19

Authorizing 2019 amendments to the collective bargaining agreement with Columbia Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #26.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Buckler provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece understood this was just the wage opener for the Columbia Police Officers Association (CPOA). Ms. Buckler stated this was the wage opener for them for this year. Mayor Treece understood they were exempt from HB1413. Ms. Buckler stated that was correct.

B270-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B271-19 Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Nifong Boulevard and Bethel Street from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood); approving a developer agreement guaranteeing installation of public improvements and irrevocable letter of credit with Jeffrey E. Smith Investment Co. L.C. (Case No. 51-2019).

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked for clarification with regard to the \$100,000 that would go to the City. Mr. Nichols replied when this had come forward initially in 2011, the developer had agreed to install a traffic signal, and this was the estimate associated with the three lane traffic signal that had been proposed then. Construction of that would now be included as part of the Nifong Boulevard improvement project, and this payment would go toward it as it had been their obligation in 2011. Ms. Peters asked about the five lanes. Mr. Nichols replied the City was building the five lane section. In 2011, the City had not had plans for five lanes on Nifong Boulevard. Since this project had been delayed, it had caught up to the City's project for five lanes. As a result, this \$100,000 would compensate for the commitment the developer had made in 2011. Ms. Peters asked for clarification about the five lanes and three lanes. Mr. Nichols replied the City was building a five lane section on Nifong Boulevard. Mr. Glascock explained the Nifong Boulevard improvement project had been proposed in 2015. In 2011, the developer had planned to install a three lane signal. Mr. Nichols clarified the intersection did not exist. It would be a new road they would construct. Mr. Teddy stated it would be at Aurora Drive. Mr. Nichols clarified it was the intersection of Nifong Boulevard and the new road. In 2011, Nifong Boulevard had been planned for three lanes there, two through lanes and one turn lane. It now made sense to include it with the new capital project.

Ms. Thompson explained this had been the developer's obligation. The City was now going to construct it instead of the developer. The \$100,000 payment was the exchange for the City to construct it.

Mr. Skala asked about the status of the property to the east that would be bisected by Nova Way. Mr. Teddy replied the City had acquired that, and there had actually been a plan for a substation that had gone through the PD process. Mayor Treece asked for clarification regarding the PD process. Mr. Teddy replied it had been a planned district process.

Mr. Skala understood this was a lateral move for the subject property with an update due to the new Unified Development Code (UDC). Mr. Teddy stated he thought that was a fair assessment. The M-N would distribute the permitted uses equally across the site. There had been a desire to get any retail use off of Bethel Street in the original PD. He commented that some uses were specifically excluded by the rules of the M-N, such as a convenience store, gas station, car wash, bar, or cocktail lounge as those required a conditional use, and thus would involve an application considered on its own merits. He stated the residential component had not been permitted elsewhere in the planned district except for the southwest corner. He noted there was a restriction on any big-box store as any single user could not be above 15,000 square feet in M-N, but a grocery store was an exception.

Mr. Pitzer understood the developer had requested M-C zoning in the original application for a portion of the site. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. Mr. Pitzer understood City staff had recommended rejecting the M-C and for the entire site to be M-N. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. He explained they had written a staff report that had offered an alternative recommendation. The Planning and Zoning Commission could either approve what the applicant had requested or approve the amendment of the M-C down to M-N. He explained they had received the consent of the applicant at the meeting to amend their application to M-N across the entire property.

Mr. Pitzer asked if there was a deadline by which the improvements in the developer agreement that were not associated with the Nifong Boulevard project had to be completed. Mr. Teddy replied he thought they were timed according to the City's project. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct, and noted it coincided with the Nifong Boulevard improvement project completion date, which was around December 2020.

Mr. Pitzer asked for clarification regarding the easement for Rock Bridge High School. He understood the developer was required to provide the easement, but after the easement was provided, there would not be any further City involvement. It would then be completely between the property owner and the school district. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct. Mr. Teddy commented that the City would review any physical improvements. Mr. Pitzer understood the idea was that it would connect to a roadway that would come out at the new traffic signal. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct. He noted the easement would be dedicated to the school and the City would only review the permit to connect to the road. Mr. Teddy stated it was as if they were building a driveway to connect to the public street. It was an extension of their drive system. Mr. Pitzer understood it was narrower than a traditional street. Mr. Teddy explained it would be a private driveway that allowed two-way traffic.

Mayor Treece asked if it would be deeded to the public benefit. Mr. Teddy replied it was written as a private driveway. Mayor Treece asked if it would be built to City street standards. Mr. Nichols replied Matthew Kriete might be able to respond to that. Mayor Treece asked if the City would provide snow removal for it. Mr. Nichols replied no.

Matthew Kriete, 1113 Fay Street, an engineer with Engineering Surveys and Services, stated he believed the planned district zoning had been an impediment to the development of that property for years. The UDC had provided an opportunity to have some known standards and allow for amenities for those that lived in the area. With regard to the driveway, it was a private easement. It was not a public easement and the City would not have any responsibility for maintenance, snow removal, etc. He understood ongoing maintenance would be the responsibility of the school district. He pointed out the easement was triggered with completion of construction and it allowed seven years for the school district to act on it. If the school district chose not to act, it would go away. He pointed out it would not be built to City street standards. It would be a private driveway, and tying into the roundabout would remove any need for a dedicated turn lane.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Kriete if the school district owned all of the way back to the parking lot and if he thought they might connect the back side of Gentry Middle School to that private drive. Mr. Kriete replied he thought that was a possibility, but noted he could not speak for the school district. He stated that was all school owned property as the properties for Gentry Middle School and Rock Bridge High School abutted.

Mr. Trapp commented that in general he thought it was good to see planned districts go to regular zoning categories, and M-N seemed to be a good, conservative zoning category. Since they had built the protections into the UDC, they did not need the protections of PD zoning anymore. He stated he was supportive of this change.

Mayor Treece stated he liked seeing the UDC as the overarching guide here.

Mr. Pitzer noted he was happy to see the development agreement. The Nifong Boulevard project would be a major construction project and he was glad they would take care of all of this at one time while also giving the school district the option of a much needed secondary access to the high school. It would also be much safer since it would come out at a traffic light.

B271-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B277-19 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with Mohammad S. Diab and Samantha Jo Diab for the acquisition of property located at 210 Hickman Avenue and 212 Hickman Avenue.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Cole provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked if the property had been on the market. Mr. Cole replied it had not been on the market. They had been working with a realtor to get it on the market and the realtor had approached the City prior to putting it on the market.

Ms. Peters understood the appraised value was related to the land. Mr. Cole stated it was the land less demolition costs. The appraised values were \$20,000 per property. Ms. Peters understood they then had the cost of removing the structures and grading the properties. Mr. Cole explained the appraisals had taken the cost of getting rid of the homes into account. He noted the appraisals were done after the sales contract was put into place.

Ms. Peters understood the cost was not \$40,000 to get the property ready to rebuild. Mr. Cole stated that was correct, and pointed out there would be additional costs. He thought the total would be about \$63,000. He noted the lots sat below the street so they did not drain properly. It was one of the reasons the homes were in their current state. They would raise the lots in a manner that did not impact the surrounding the properties, and that was associated with a lot of the costs.

Ms. Peters felt that was a fair amount of money to spend on dilapidated houses they would have to tear down, etc. Mr. Cole explained the cost of lots had increased in the last few years.

Mr. Trapp asked what the redevelopment opportunities looked like for those lots. Mr. Cole replied he thought they would look at doing a couple single-family owner-occupied homes there. He stated they could look at an attached or detached town home as well.

Mr. Pitzer asked Mr. Cole how often he was approached by someone selling their property. He wondered if this was an unusual situation. Mr. Cole replied it was not unusual, and recalled being approached with regard to a property on Hirth Avenue in the past. He noted the majority were properties the staff had to be proactive in finding. He explained they were typically working through code enforcement so it happened from time to time.

Mr. Skala asked if the real estate industry approaching the City was becoming a trend. Mr. Cole replied this was the first time he had been approached by a realtor that was representing a property owner. He understood the property owner was leaving the country and had utilized a realtor to help sell the property.

Mayor Treece stated he was familiar with the area and did not believe one could buy much for \$20,000 per lot there.

Ms. Peters commented that when viewing these properties on the City's website, it appeared as though the two houses were across the property line. Mr. Cole explained that happened a lot with older homes. There was one on Grand Avenue that sat on an alleyway. Some older homes sat oddly on lots. Ms. Peters stated these appeared to be fairly deep lots and asked if there had been any thought to trying to place more than two houses on the lots. Mr. Cole replied there were some large trees in the back that would need to be considered, but they could look at a more dense development than two single-family homes. Mr. Teddy noted the property sloped quite a bit to the rear and there was not a drainage system in the area. He cautioned them about adding more impervious surfaces in the backyard areas. Ms. Peters stated she understood.

Mayor Treece asked if the property was zoned R-1 or R-2. Mr. Cole replied he believed it was R-2, but was not sure.

B277-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B282-19 Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to permit licensed waste haulers to engage in food waste removal.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece made a motion to table B282-19 to the October 7, 2019 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B289-19 Authorizing a development agreement with Broadway Lodging Two, LLC to establish public infrastructure obligations relating to the construction of a new hotel tower on property located at 1106 E. Walnut Street; authorizing right of use license permits for emergency exit doors, balconies, an entrance canopy, footings and foundations, conduits, skywalks connecting the new hotel tower to the existing hotel tower, roof overhang and an awning.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece made a motion to amend B289-19 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Hollis, 1103 E. Broadway, explained he was present on behalf of Broadway Lodging Two LLC and was available to answer any questions.

B289-19, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B290-19 Authorizing a first amendment to the school resource officer agreement with Columbia Public Schools.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Treece explained this was the reason the agenda had been amended a couple of weeks ago. The current agreement between the City and the Columbia Public Schools (CPS) for school resource officers had expired on June 27, and had automatically been extended to October 1. Council had sent a letter to the School Board on July 1 asking for additional discussion. This amendment simply extended the current agreement for another 30 days to give CPS time to negotiate an agreement with the City or find alternative security.

Police Chief Jones stated he believed they were close to presenting something to Council that showed some progress.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp commented that she was President of Race Matters, Friends, and thanked Chief Jones for a meeting with school officials. It was important to them that CPS and the Columbia Police Department (CPD) develop a more substantive relationship. When Ms. Holmes-Barnes' daughter had been arrested in May, they had noticed there had not been any substantive communication between either of the parties. She understood the CPD had an internal affairs process, but the CPS did not have a similar process to review their practices. She hoped this would result in some collaborative and restorative work and for equity tools to be woven into it. She commented that restorative work was not effective if anti-racism was not a core element, and believed that was important with regard to whatever they did going forward. She noted there was a lot of noise about Race Matters, Friends calling for Carla London's resignation and explained that was a political and strategic move on their part to force CPS to the table for a conversation as they wanted to know how the efficacy of their work was measured. She

understood CPS had been doing training on restorative practice and equity for years, and they wanted to know how that was being measured so they knew whether it was working or not. She asked that the collection of data and information be included in the MOU so the City could respond to how well the practice was going on the police side and CPS could also respond with regard to their side. Currently, there was not any data.

Mayor Treece stated one of his concerns about extending this another 30 days was that it would rush the Council's evaluation of the contract and any changes would not be timely. He commented that school resource officers were the largest and fastest growing segment of law enforcement. He noted 41 percent of schools across the country had some type of school resource officer. School districts were required to report to the federal government a lot of their school policing data, such as the number of students referred to law enforcement, the number of students arrested at school-related activities, the number of school resource officers in the district, etc., but most of the information reported to the federal government was inconsistent with what had been reported to the cities. He stated he would like any MOU to have the data submitted to the federal government submitted to the City so they could reconcile it. He commented that most of the data on the U.S. Department of Education website was three years old, and if it was a part of the MOU, the constituents of Columbia would be able to see that data on a more frequent and real-time basis. He pointed out another issue was that the City needed more officers now. He wondered if they should do a one-year extension of the contract to evaluate whether the best use of these four officers was within school buildings or whether they should be in the parks, neighborhoods, etc.

Mayor Treece asked Chief Jones if he anticipated bringing forward a contract. Chief Jones replied yes. He explained they had completed all of their verbal negotiations and were having their respective law departments review a contract.

Mr. Pitzer understood that in order to have it effective by the end of October, it would have to be introduced at the next council meeting. Mayor Treece stated that was correct, and noted the date to get that done was September 27. Ms. Peters asked if that would provide enough time or if they needed to extend it two months instead. Mayor Treece replied he wanted to convey a sense of urgency as they had been waiting since July 1 for some response and were still waiting.

Mr. Skala commented that this was a public-public partnership and he thought they should ensure the parties involved were answerable to what they had been negotiating. In the continued discussion, he wanted to reinforce the Mayor's sense that some of these things needed to be included.

Mr. Trapp stated he was supportive of the school resource officer program. If they did not have those officers, they would lose half of the funding, and would have to come up with the funding to cover those officers. They would not be able to put them toward patrol or another service area because they would only have half as many if they were unable to come up with the funding. In addition, they would have to respond to calls at the schools. He believed there was value in preserving the contract and liked the negotiating stance of Chief Jones in trying to move it away from just providing basic security and move it toward community policing activities and helping to create career pathways and intergenerational connections between the community and the police. He encouraged Chief Jones to stay the course.

B290-19 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

B264-19

Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Commission on Cultural Affairs.

- B272-19 Rezoning property located on the south side of St. Charles Road, approximately 700 feet east of Dorado Drive, from District PD (Planned District) to District A (Agriculture District) (Case No. 101-2019).
- B273-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Harris Estates Plat 2" located on the south side of St. Charles Road, approximately 700 feet east of Dorado Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 141-2019).
- B274-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Samuels First Addition, Plat No. 2" located on the north side of Locust Street and east of Hitt Street (1107 and 1109 Locust Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 163-2019).
- B275-19 Vacating street rights-of-way along the west side of Conley Road/Business Loop 70 associated with the recently completed Conley Road extension project (Case No. 157-2019).
- B276-19 Authorizing a consolidated grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for FY 2020 transportation planning services (Case No. 207-2019).
- B278-19 Amending Ordinance No. 023938 to correct the legal description for the District M-C (Mixed-Use Corridor) tract within Auburn Hills Plat 17 located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Brown School Road and Highway 763.
- B279-19 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to parking fees for unmetered off-street facilities.
- B280-19 Amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for additional equipment associated with the installation of parking facility gate arm systems in municipal parking facilities.
- B281-19 Amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds to cover overages in the Transit Fund due to an increase in fuel and maintenance costs and Paratransit ridership services.
- B283-19 Authorizing a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for operation and maintenance of a streamgage on Hinkson Creek to provide historical stream flow data and flood stage information.
- B284-19 Authorizing a joint funding agreement for water resource investigations with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for groundwater monitoring of well sites in the vicinity of the McBaine wetland treatment units and the Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area.
- B285-19 Authorizing execution of a deed of dedication for utility easement to accommodate the installation of a public sewer main across a portion of the Norma Sutherland Smith Park property.
- B286-19 Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Show Me Healthy Women program.
- B287-19 Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for funding for Teen Outreach Program club supplies and Community Services Learning resources; amending the FY 2019 Annual

- Budget by appropriating funds.
- B288-19 Amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the Fire Department training academy repairs project.
- R131-19 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the area along a portion of Smith Street between College Avenue and Fay Street for the 2019 Harvest Hootenanny fundraising event.
- R132-19 Determining that the new terminal building at the Columbia Regional Airport qualifies for funding under the Percent for Art program; authorizing the Commission on Cultural Affairs Standing Committee on Public Art to begin developing the public art component for such terminal building.

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

- B291-19 Approving the Final Plat of "Kitty Hawk Manor, Plat No. 7A" located on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection of Kitty Hawk Drive and Stinson Avenue; authorizing performance contracts (Case No. 162-2019).
- B292-19 Vacating an access and utility easement on Lot 833 within the Highlands Plat 8-B located on the east side of Highlands Court (1500 Highlands Court) (Case No. 160-2019).
- B293-19 Authorizing a first amendment to the intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for integrated shuttle bus service on campus.
- B294-19 Repealing Division 8 within Article V of Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to the Environment and Energy Commission and enacting in lieu thereof a new Division 8 to establish the Climate and Environment Commission.
- B295-19 Amending Chapter 16 of the City Code to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy on juveniles.

X. REPORTS

- REP77-19 Shared Active Transportation Operation for Small Vehicles or Dockless Electric Scooters.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Nichols if he anticipated an open bid for the scooter per day revenue sharing. Mr. Nichols replied yes, and explained it would be included in the request for proposals (RFP).

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Nichols how he anticipated the City and University splitting those fees. He understood the City currently received \$1 per day per scooter. Mr.

Nichols stated that was correct, and pointed out the University currently received \$2. He explained they would open that up for bid, and it could result in \$3 for both of them. He commented that they would have to discuss how it was split out. It could be a factor of where the scooter was at the end of the day. He stated they were still working out the details. He pointed out Walker Parking Consultants had helped to draft a sample RFP, and noted he would meet with the Law Department soon to put some parameters in place. He stated Walker Parking Consultants was interested in this because they felt it could become a model since only the University of Arkansas and the City of Fayetteville had a similar cooperative agreement.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Nichols if he saw any scenario where they might not be equal partners in that revenue sharing. Mr. Nichols replied he did not know. He explained he would work with the City Manager and the upper management at the University on those details.

Mayor Treece asked if the agreement or franchise would be through the University or the City or both. He wondered if the City would still enforce its scooter rules. Mr. Nichols replied yes, and the University would enforce their rules as well. He explained they had a requirement for the scooters to be placed at a bike stand or corral, and if it was left elsewhere, they impounded the scooter. The City was not able to manage that citywide so it was complaint driven. He noted they were now having good compliance with Bird when that occurred.

Mayor Treece asked if there had been any discussion with the University about using their proceeds to do some dedicated scooter lanes on major campus and downtown routes, such as Hitt Street. Mr. Nichols replied no, but noted that was a good idea.

Mr. Skala stated he had just returned from Columbus, Ohio, where his daughter lived and where Ohio State University was located, and believed almost every university town went through this scooter situation. He noted he had initially voted against proceeding with these scooter agreements since he did not feel they were ready to deal with the issues involved, and asked if they had different experiences with the different companies. He wondered if this was an attempt to bring all of this into one package in cooperation with the University. Mr. Nichols explained the companies might propose modes other than scooters, such as bikes or another type of scooter. He believed there was a lot of interest and pointed out everything would be evaluated through the RFP process.

Mr. Trapp stated he was glad to hear bike sharing could be included as he felt that could be worth something. He commented that he liked Mayor Treece's idea with regard to a scooter lane. He thought that might impact some of their prime parking meters, but felt it was something they should consider. He did not believe they would need a garage in the immediate future, and thought shared protective bike and scooter lanes would be good. It might lure some more people to bike. He noted he had been an everyday bicycle commuter through the summer and there were some places he would appreciate a protective bike lane.

Mr. Nichols pointed out the Council would see the RFP. This report was only to inquire about the interest of Council in them engaging in this pilot. If the Council recommended they move forward, they would see the document when finalized.

Ms. Peters asked if the speeds could be reduced to five miles per hour or a speed that did not frighten those that were passed by them. Mr. Nichols understood there were zones that could be regulated with different speeds. Ms. Peters asked if it could be the entire city. Mr. Nichols replied he thought the speeds could be negotiated. Ms. Peters suggested that be done.

Ms. Peters understood Bird was supposed to provide information on injuries and asked if the City had any information as to how dangerous the scooters were. Mr. Nichols replied he had not received that documentation from them, but noted he could inquire about it. Ms. Peters stated she was interested in it. She presumed there would be less damage if riders were traveling slower when falling or hitting something. She understood the streets were being utilized more, but noted many still traveled on sidewalks.

Mr. Pitzer commented that in addition to bike lanes, he wondered if they should create bird nests as dedicated parking areas.

Mr. Pitzer asked if Bird was current with their quarterly payments. Mr. Nichols replied yes.

Mr. Pitzer asked if the RFP would be for one provider or if it would include minimum standards by which anyone meeting those minimum standards would be eligible. Mr. Nichols replied they were looking at one provider that could potentially do more than just scooters. Mr. Pitzer asked if it would be an annual process. Mr. Nichols replied if successful and they were satisfied, he thought they would likely just renew the contract.

Mr. Pitzer asked if the usage charge would be set with the contract. Mr. Nichols replied he thought they had discussed a per scooter per day charge. He felt the usage would be difficult to track and then tie a dollar amount to it. Mr. Pitzer believed there would be competition to keep prices down if they had multiple providers, but if a license was given to only one provider without a mechanism to regulate the price, it could be increased. Mr. Glascock thought the RFP would include what would be charged and how much the City and University would get per day from that. He stated they would set the price for the contract. Mr. Skala pointed out the competition also came into play when the contract was put out for bid again for renewal.

Mayor Treece asked if anyone objected to staff moving forward with an RFP. No one objected.

Mr. Ruffin asked how much money had been generated thus far in terms of revenue for the City. Mr. Nichols replied he believed the City had received a \$22,000 payment twice. Mr. Glascock noted they would likely be providing the Council a report in the next month or so. Mr. Nichols pointed out Bird had pulled their scooters in the winter.

Mayor Treece asked if the money had been put in the general revenue or if it had been earmarked for the public inconvenience fee. Mr. Nichols replied he thought it had been earmarked for transit and street maintenance. Mayor Treece asked if it had been spent yet. Mr. Nichols replied no.

REP78-19

Uncollectible Receivables.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report, and explained staff could provide details as that had not been included in the report due to a misunderstanding. Mayor Treece stated he thought taxpayers deserved to see what was being written off. Mr. Glascock noted that information would be brought back to Council.

Ms. Peters asked how the City had attempted to collect these receivables in the past. Ms. Talbert replied the City used to have a contract with a collection agency to try to obtain some of the money. Mr. Sapp agreed, and explained the contract with the collection agency had expired. Recently, an RFP had been issued, and a contract was now in place for a collection agency. The City would submit accounts that were eligible for collections to that agency. He stated he thought they might have already started the process on the utilities side.

Ms. Peters asked what the City did initially. She explained she asked because she had been involved in a situation whereby she did not recall getting a bill and was on the list. She noted she ended up paying it, but had never received a bill or any information from the City. She wanted to know what due diligence the City did in trying to collect payments prior to turning it over to a collection agency. Mr. Sapp replied in terms of utility billing, they sent out a final bill. Sometimes that bill was returned due to being provided an address that did not exist. When they were either successful in getting the final bill to the correct party or even if they were unsuccessful, they tried to follow up by attempting to find the address at which the person currently resided. He noted there were some tools of the United States Postal Service that were utilized, such as their forwarding database. When they were unsuccessful in reaching someone, they turned the information over to the collection agency as they had additional tools to try to make the collections. He stated they tried to be diligent in collecting those funds as they knew it was money owed to the utility, which was important to the health of the utility.

Ms. Peters asked if staff had any documentation or tracked what had been done. Mr. Sapp replied yes. Ms. Peters asked if that would be a part of the report that would come forward. Mr. Sapp replied they could include in the report whatever the Council might want. Mr. Glascock thought Ms. Peters wanted to know the procedures. Ms. Peters stated that was correct. Mr. Sapp noted he would provide that.

REP79-19 Amendment to the FY 2019 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Mayor Treece explained this had been provided for informational purposes.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, suggested the Council be provided statistics on a more regular basis in terms of the changes to the firefighter schedules. He was not sure it would succeed.

Mr. Elkin understood \$81 million that had been earmarked for the Police Department had been found. Mayor Treece thought Mr. Elkin might be referring to the fact that \$81 million was in the general revenue, which was available to general revenue funded departments like the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Streets Division. Mr. Skala understood 60 percent of that was dedicated to police and fire. Mr. Elkin stated what he had listened to made it seem like it was truly set aside. He suggested it be looked into to determine the reason for the large amount, whether it was interest bearing, etc.

Mr. Elkin thought they needed to address sales tax. He suggested they contact those in Jefferson City to penalize businesses that had received sales tax, but had not distributed it.

Mr. Skala congratulated the City Manager and staff for their work on the budget as he felt things had gone smoothly. Mr. Glascock pointed out the staff was thankful for the ability to utilize \$3 million in reserves to assist with the budget.

Ms. Peters thanked staff in the Streets Division for moving a street sign on Bouchelle Avenue. She explained a speed hump had been constructed on William Street, but the sign saying there was a street hump ahead had been on Bouchelle Avenue coming toward William Street when Bouchelle Avenue traveled away from William Street and was a one-way street. As a result, the sign made no sense. It was now fixed. She reiterated her thanks.

Mr. Skala commented that improvements on South William Street had really gotten people involved in the improvements projected for the north end, and an interested parties meeting had been scheduled for next month.

Mayor Treece commented that the City policy that required people to state their name and address when speaking at meetings had been adopted in 1981. This was prior to the time one could google or search for someone's name and address with a photo of their home showing up. He stated he wanted to ensure the public comment policy did not discourage women or domestic violence victims from speaking. He noted he had spoken with the City Clerk about this and understood it helped her identify who the person was for accuracy with regard to their name. He wondered if there was a different way they could do that, such as a sign up sheet and having them state their ward instead of their address. He commented that there were some other conflicts in the policy, such as five minutes versus three minutes and allowing smoking in the Council Chamber. He thought it might be time to update it.

Mr. Skala asked if it would be a burden to ask people to spell their last names.

Mayor Treece stated he had received enough comments from people who felt uncomfortable stating their names. He noted these meetings had not been televised in 1981, and when one searched a name and the minutes of a council meeting came up

with the name and address, it made some uncomfortable. He felt there were enough compelling reasons to update the public comment policy.

Mr. Pitzer commented that he had not known there was a written policy and had thought it had been done due to tradition. He noted he would like to see that policy. He felt just eliminating the address would not solve the privacy issue as just having the name could provide a lot of information. He stated he believed it was also sometimes beneficial to know if someone was a City resident or not.

Ms. Peters thought they could ask for ward information. Ms. Amin pointed out many people did not know the ward in which they resided so the information received might not be accurate.

Mayor Treece asked how Council wanted to proceed. Mr. Pitzer replied he would first like to see the policy. Mayor Treece suggested they ask the City Clerk to at least codify what they were doing now sans the address.

Mr. Trapp commented that there had been a couple of fatal shootings this past weekend, and it was especially tragic when a young person was impacted. He pointed out there was a desire to look at the issue of gun control after shooting incidents, but there was clear preemption from the State with regard to actions that could be taken by the Council. He explained he had participated in conversations with activists out of Oklahoma that were looking at Columbia as a model for some of its policies, to include the Mayor's Task Force on Community Violence. He stated a recommendation of that report had included items surrounding the securing of firearms. One of the things the Task Force had learned when they had examined homicides in Columbia over a five year period was that every homicide had been committed with a stolen firearm. He understood many left firearms in unlocked cars and there were juveniles that checked car doors routinely in all kinds of neighborhoods all over the City. Gun control and background checks would not do much as long as they had the easy availability of firearms that could be stolen and sold on the black market at a very low price. He was not sure if they needed to work with Neighborhood Watch or do an education program through the Police Department, but asked staff to put some time and attention toward it. He understood Chief Jones had done some things such as restoring the total commitment to overtime for the initial 24 hours of an investigation, and felt confident the City would be in a good place in terms of closing cases. He noted it was hard to lay responsibility too far beyond the people pulling the triggers, but thought they should be looking for things they could do to improve the situation, and this might be one step by which they could move forward.

Mayor Treece stated he agreed. Almost everything was preempted when it came to guns. He wondered if the City could create an affirmative duty to report a stolen firearm or a penalty for failure to report a stolen firearm. Mr. Trapp thought those were excellent suggestions if they could be done.

Mr. Skala commented that he thought they could do some public service announcements on a somewhat frequent basis. He felt they should make sure it was out there a bit more so people were reminded.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:19 p.m.