



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Monday, May 5, 2025  
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

City Hall  
Council Chambers  
701 E. Broadway  
Columbia, MO

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buffaloe called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Water Cost of Service Study Results Discussion  
(Presentation will be posted to the City website after the meeting)

**Attachments:** [2025 Water Study Presentation](#)

Interim Utilities Director, Erin Keys introduced their consultant for the water cost of service study, Kyle Stephens with Stantec. Mr. Stephens started first by discussing the series of connected investigations: How much, From who, and how to collect.

Mr. Stephens then discussed the financials portion of the presentation. He discussed the breakdown below:

Personnel and operating expenses: \$21.7M

Capital Projects, Vehicles, and Repair and Replacement: \$3.3M

Debt Service: \$6.7M

Transfers: \$4.3M

Total Cost: \$36.0M

The impacts to customers was discussed next. Mr. Stephens went through the flat user and peak user (current) and the flat user and peak user (calculated).

Council and Staff went on to discuss next steps which include the water system equity fee, tap fee (residential 1"-2"), appurtenance fee (5/8", 1"), and meter fees.

More information can be found in the slides attached.

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

Mayor Buffaloe mentioned that Council member Lisa Meyer will be resigning effective May 16, 2025. Buffaloe discussed next election options. Buffaloe asked if Council wants to designate a different date other than August 5, 2025. Buffaloe discussed the quick turn around if they chose to do a date other than August 5, 2025.

Council and Staff discussed further.

Peters wishes to do it in August.

Waterman wishes to do it in August or November.

Foster agreed.

Sample agreed.

Carroll agreed.

All members agreed they feel strongly that the Ward really needs to be represented.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Buffaloe adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:24 p.m.