



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, February 6, 2023  
5:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room  
1A/1B  
Columbia City Hall  
701 E. Broadway

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**Present:** 7 - Peters, Pitzer, Fowler, Waner, Buffaloe, Foster, and Lovelady

#### **This item is open to the public:** Council Priorities

The open portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Finance Director, Matthew Lue presented the Council with a presentation to help Council identify the City Council priorities. Council and Staff identified the following priorities at the 2022 Council Retreat.

- Resolving trash service issues
- Staffing needs
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Homelessness/affordable housing
- Unified Building code
- Paid family leave
- Climate issues (CAAP)
- Community communications and outreach
- Community Violence
- Decision-making efficiency

Staff wanted to see if the Council wants to add or remove current priorities. The goal for this meeting is to identify top priorities for FY24. Council Member Peters suggested reorganizing the list from most important to least. Council will need to determine if goals are long term or short term goals, determine if it is part of the Strategic Plan and discuss budgetary impact.

The goals for FY24 Council priorities are to look at continuing issues and address those, focus on the FY24 budget and community communication.

Council Member Fowler said she would like to see public transit be the highest priority.

#### **This item is open to the public:** Motion for the City Council to go into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B to discuss:

- Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RsMo.
- Confidential or privileged communications between a public

governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys pursuant to Section 610.021(1) RSMo.

- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.
- Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

**At approximately 5:02 p.m., Mayor Buffaloe made a motion for the City Council to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B. The motion was seconded by Foster.**

**Yes:** 6 - Pitzer, Fowler, Waner, Buffaloe, Foster, and Lovelady

**Absent:** 1 - Peters

**This item is closed to the public:** Closed Meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B

At approximately 5:04 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021(1), (3), and (13).

The Council adjourned the closed meeting and returned to the open pre-council work session portion of the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m., and those minutes will have the details of that discussion.

## **II. ALL OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

None.

## **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.