



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, October 3, 2016
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, October 3, 2016, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 992. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members THOMAS, PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP and SKALA were present. Council Member NAUSER was absent. The Deputy City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2016 was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Trapp and a second by Mr. Skala.

Mayor Treece noted the minutes from the September 19, 2016 regular meeting would be available at the next council meeting.

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

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI13-16

Recognizing Bruce Martin as the Missouri Association of Code Enforcement (MACE) Code Enforcement Officer of the Year.

John Benisch stated he was the President of the Missouri Association of Code Enforcement (MACE), and this year they were pleased to present the Code Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Bruce Martin. Mr. Benisch explained Mr. Martin was a great person who always helped them as an organization, and it was well deserved recognition. Mr. Benisch presented Mr. Martin with a plaque in recognition of Mr. Martin's tireless efforts, dedicated commitment, and outstanding contribution to the field of code enforcement, and as the Code Enforcement Officer of the year.

Mayor Treece thanked Mr. Martin for his service to the City of Columbia and for the example he set to his colleagues across the State. He also thanked Mr. Benisch for coming to Columbia to present the award to Mr. Martin as he understood Mr. Benisch was an employee of the City of St. Charles.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC50-16

Kim Wischmeyer - Enforcement of sign ordinance.

Mr. Wischmeyer, 904 Bourn Avenue, commented that he was recently appointed to be a board member on his local neighborhood association, and his phone immediately started ringing about signs. He had contacted the City since they were ordinance violations, but

the response he received from the City was that they did not want to offend anyone. Mr. Wischmeyer stated he felt laws were written to be enforced, and the City sign ordinance only allowed 32 square foot signs on any one property. The property on which he had received complaints had three large signs in row near where people pulled out onto traffic. He believed the sign ordinance needed to be enforced, and they should only be allowed one 32 square foot sign on the property. He asked the Council to ask staff to enforce the sign ordinance.

SPC51-16 Renee Maxwell - Racial profiling in Columbia.

Ms. Maxwell, 201 Fourth Avenue, understood the Police Chief did not think racial profiling was a problem in Columbia, and this was a concern to her because the problem could not be solved unless those trying to solve the problem admitted the problem existed. She explained it was her experience that many white people became defensive and quick to assert they were not racist when discussing sensitive racial topics because no one wanted to admit to being racist. They thought of racists as being very bad people who were ignorant, backwards, and hateful, and some were. Generally, people that were openly racist and hostile toward people of color were not in the majority, but white people were all a little racist. She realized that meant she was a little racist as well. It did not feel good to say that as she did not think of herself that way, and it made her uncomfortable, but it was a fact that everyone that had been born and raised in this country had been immersed in a racist society. They needed to acknowledge the reality of systemic racism as it was inherent in all of their institutions, which included the justice system, the education system, the economy, and culture. She commented that racial unity could not be achieved and deep divisions could not be addressed until white people were willing to acknowledge that systemic racism was real. Only then could they accomplish the necessary work to heal their deep racial divisions. She reiterated she was a racist and so was everyone else, and she was happy if that made them uncomfortable because it should and it paled in comparison to the discomfort and pain people of color experienced and endured everyday as they navigated their way through a racist society. She stated acknowledging racism was not about making accusations and assigning blame. It was a call to action and a demand for change. The only blame was for those that denied racism was a problem and refused to act as that was a denial of reality and the lived experience of people in our community who were affected by racism every day. Some people felt they should not make such a fuss about racial profiling because it was not as if one of their police officers had killed an unarmed black man. She felt that was a low bar to set for the Police Department. She believed they could do better, and as a citizen of Columbia, she demanded better. She understood Chief Burton had indicated there was not enough data to prove racial profiling existed in Columbia, and while she thought it would be nice to have more data, she noted there was a difference between more data and useful data. Data that was relevant and actionable took a lot of time and effort to collect and analyze. It was an expensive and very time consuming process. While that might be valuable and worthwhile, she did not feel that should prevent them from acting now to address racial profiling. The only thing they needed to know in order to address racial profiling was that systemic racism was real. Systemic racism was the underlying cause behind implicit bias and the subtle, yet insidious ways, racial biases affected their behavior and decisions. She did not feel this should be controversial as it was not a radical statement to say systemic racism existed and should be dismantled. She stated she expected and demanded more from the community, and she would not accept racism in any form in her community. She thought they should hold themselves accountable and do better.

SPC52-16 Andrew Hutchinson - Policing Disparities - Visual representations of police violence and responses to white people versus people of color.

Mr. Hutchinson stated he grew up in Columbia and was proud to call Columbia his home. He noted he did not grow up with any firearms in his household, but many of his friends had grown up with firearms and had taken him shooting when he was 18 or 19 years old. He was provided three rules for handling a weapon. He was told to assume it was loaded, to assume the safety was off, and to not point it at something he was not willing to lose. His friend had said this as an Army veteran as he did not feel a firearm was something one should play with or point at another person unless someone was in severe danger and had a reason to do so. As a result, he had been disappointed when he recently saw a video of an incident that had occurred on March 7, 2015. The video showed a police officer pulling a firearm and pointing it at children in the street. He noted the officer had also said he could wipe a floor with those kids and had mocked them for being skinny. The officer was openly exchanging insults and was pointing a loaded firearm. Mr. Hutchinson stated he was an employee of the Moving Ahead Afterschool program so he worked with young low-income at-risk youth, and when asked what it meant for them to be a man or woman to growing up, one 13 year old boy had stated him being a man in Columbia meant for him to always be aware of where he was, who he was with, and the time of day because that was the difference between life or death or the life of imprisonment. Mr. Hutchinson explained this was his issue as he knew how his students felt and how his classmates at the University of Missouri felt. He was scared so he put on a "Know Your Rights" presentation with the assistance of members of the Bukowsky Law Firm, the Office of Probation and Parole, etc. He had also sent an e-mail to Officer Mike Hestir of the Community Outreach Program and Officer Hestir stated he would attend, but had not attended, and he had never received a courtesy e-mail explaining why he had not attended. He commented that Columbia had officers that pointed guns at children for walking in the street and community outreach teams that did not even consider sending an apology. He felt the silence was violence in this situation, and wanted Columbia to try to do better.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH20-16 Construction of the Henderson Branch sewer extension project.

PH20-16 was read by the Clerk.

Mr. St. Romaine provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala stated he thought they should honor the request of staff to table this issue, but was disappointed that there had not been any movement in the discussions held to date. He commented that he wanted to see some movement on this issue at some point, and was willing to extend the time necessary to continue discussions to determine if they could reach some resolution.

Mayor Treece noted he was inclined to support this request to table, and explained his decision tree on this was that it would have to include some type of annexation agreement and a clear cost-benefit analysis with the annexation. He stated he appreciated the information in the council memo in terms of the numbers, and asked that it be more complete when it came back before them by including all of the proposed revenue from the annexation, whether that included property tax, sales tax, motor vehicle tax, gas tax, cigarette tax, electric tax, etc., along with all of the proposed expenses from the annexation, which included police, fire, community development, road maintenance, street lights, fire hydrants, tornado sirens, etc., and for it to be amortized over a seven year period so they had a true cost-benefit analysis. In his mind, voters had approved up to \$2 million for this project. They were now exceeding \$4 million. He wanted information regarding the cost participation of the two end-users and the Boone County Sewer District since the users would remain their customers.

Mr. Thomas commented that he disagreed with regard to the annexation as he would

almost prefer to provide the sewer service at an appropriate price but not allow the annexation. He thought the Comprehensive Plan and the will of the community was to try to consolidate the footprint, and not sprawl to the other side of the Perche Creek whereby there would be a need to provide all kinds of additional services there. If there was a way to adequately compensate the sewer utility, he would prefer to look at it. He noted he had become increasingly uncomfortable with the policy requiring annexation if they were providing sewer service to someone outside of the city limits as he did not believe it was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan or their vision for the future of the city. He understood it used to be seen as a benefit to annex more land due to the wealth of property and sales taxes received, but thought the analysis showed they actually lost money in those deals for the most part.

Mr. Skala made a motion to table PH20-16 to the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting.

Mr. Skala stated he tended to disagree with Mr. Thomas in terms of the annexation consideration, and noted they had been anticipating this monumental leap across the Perche Creek for some time. The Council had become a little more conservative as to how they looked at the costs associated with annexation and extending sewer. They had not received a comprehensive view, and had only been given piecemeal information. He commented that he wanted more information on hard and soft infrastructure. He agreed they needed to be very careful as to how aggressive they were with respect to annexation as they would commit to services by annexing property. He stated he was supportive of the tabling in order to obtain more information, and noted it was in everyone's interest to come to a public-private partnership that made sense, especially since the project cost had doubled.

The motion made by Mr. Skala to table PH20-16 to the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas commented that as a Council, they could consider not to proceed with this project until they had conducted an area planning process such as the one that had been done in the east and northeast. He thought they should consider a long term and inclusive process involving landowners, utility customers, utility engineers, planners, etc. that reflected the majority consensus viewpoint of the community. He noted this was another option.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp stated she wanted to emphasize the equity component of this, and noted she liked the comments of Mr. Thomas. She thought they should wait until they came to an agreement. She explained she did not think they needed consensus as she believed the end result should be a win for all of those involved. She wondered how they would find \$2 million for this project when they had issues funding the police and other infrastructure that existed within the City. She hoped this did not become a practice and noted she was not supportive of annexations unless they were in the position to take care of current needs.

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

The motion made by Mr. Skala and seconded by Mr. Thomas to table PH20-16 to the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

B246-16 Approving the Final Plat of Stevens Ridge Subdivision, Plat 1 located on the west side of Route K, adjacent to William Smith Place; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 16-119).

- B247-16 Vacating a portion of an unused drainage easement on the south side of Lot 5 and Lot 7 within Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 2-B located at the terminus of Nocona Parkway and approximately 1,500 feet south of Ponderosa Street (Case No. 16-174).
- B248-16 Accepting conveyances for drainage and scenic conservation bikeway/walkway purposes.
- B249-16 Authorizing a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for groundwater monitoring of well sites in the vicinity of the wetland treatment units and the Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area.
- B250-16 Accepting conveyances for utility, drainage and sewer purposes.
- B251-16 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the issuance of birth and death certificates and associated technology resources.
- B252-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Youth Leadership in Tobacco Prevention program; appropriating funds.
- B253-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Healthy Families America program.
- R145-16 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements to the intersection of Waco Road and State Route B to include the installation of mast arm traffic signals and the modification of existing driveway access locations, and construction of raised islands and a pedestrian crosswalk.
- R146-16 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of Phase II improvements at the Norma Sutherland Smith Park to include the installation of a new playground, basketball court, baseball field, walking trail, restroom and connecting ADA walkways.
- R147-16 Setting a public hearing: consider project selections and prioritization of

grant applications associated with Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for non-motorized transportation facilities.

The vote was recorded as follows: **VOTING YES: THOMAS, PETERS, TREECE, RUFFIN, TRAPP, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER.**

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.

- B254-16 Changing the uses allowed on O-P zoned property located on the north side of Berrywood Avenue and east of Portland Street; approving a revised statement of intent; approving the Mainstreet Health & Wellness Suites O-P Development Plan (Case No. 16-171).
- B255-16 Rezoning property located on the north side of Old Plank Road and west of Abbotsbury Lane from District R-1 to District PUD-2; approving a revised statement of intent; approving Major Amendment #1 to Barcus Ridge PUD Plan (Case No. 16-172).
- B256-16 Approving the C-P Plan of Lot 7, Red Oak South Plat No. 1 located on the southeast corner of Grindstone Parkway and Grindstone Plaza Drive (Case No. 16-170).
- B257-16 Approving the Final Minor Plat of Boone's Pointe Plat 2, a Replat of Lots 44 and 45 Boone's Pointe, located on the south side of Timber Run Drive and the north side of Eagle View Court; authorizing a performance contract.
- B258-16 Approving the Final Plat of Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 3-B located northwest of the intersection of Discovery Parkway and Nocona Parkway; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 16-72).
- B259-16 Vacating an unused utility easement along the south side of Lot 141 within Barcus Ridge, Plat No. 1 located on the south side of Timber Run Drive and west of Route K (3502 Timber Run Drive) (Case No. 16-198).
- B260-16 Authorizing construction of sanitary sewer and streambank improvements along the Upper Merideth Branch in the University Park and Oak Cliff subdivisions near the intersection of Chapel Hill Road and Cunningham Road/Grant Lane; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

- B261-16 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to the connection fee for residential sewer service.
- B262-16 Amending Chapter 24 of the City Code to establish a public inconvenience fee for extended temporary occupancy of public spaces.
- B263-16 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with William J. and Nancy J. Justus for property located at 1104 Worley Street; appropriating funds.
- B264-16 Authorizing a right of use permit with 6th & ELM, LLC for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a private storm sewer system in portions of the Fifth Street, Sixth Street and Lancaster Drive rights-of-way.
- B265-16 Authorizing a right of use permit with Columbia Automotive Management, LLC for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a retaining wall in a portion of the Jackson Street right-of-way.
- B266-16 Authorizing construction of Phase II improvements at the Norma Sutherland Smith Park to include the installation of a new playground, basketball court, baseball field, walking trail, restroom and connecting ADA walkways; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.
- B267-16 Appropriating federal forfeiture funds for the purchase of mobile field force personal protective equipment for the Police Department.
- B268-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Show Me Healthy Women program.
- B269-16 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Social Services - Family Support Division for Tier 1 access to the Missouri Eligibility Determination and Enrollment System to expedite the filing and processing of electronic Medicaid applications.
- B270-16 Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services - Family Support Division for provision of presumptive eligibility for MO HealthNet programs and Show Me Healthy Babies.

- B271-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Boone County, Missouri for the Live Well Boone County pilot program; amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by deleting a position in the Public Health and Human Services Department.
- B272-16 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with John and Vicki M. Ott, Alan Germond, James D. Baugher and Jacqueline Verdun, and Robert B. Price III and Alicia A. Price for property located on the southwest corner of Providence Road and Burnam Road to facilitate the construction of the Providence Road improvement project from Stadium Boulevard to Stewart Road.
- B273-16 Approving a real estate contract, and associated riders and general addendums to real estate contract, with Roth Properties, LLP for the purchase of property located at 32 S. Providence Road to be used for future public improvements which may include park expansion, public transportation improvements and streetscape improvements.

X. REPORTS

REP77-16 Drug Overdose Good Samaritan Ordinance.

Mr. St. Romaine provided a staff report.

Mr. Trapp understood the recommendation was to expand on the St. Louis plan by adding alcohol offenses, which seemed appropriate for the culture in Columbia in terms of alcohol overdoses. He also understood it would be limited in terms of distribution offenses, and asked if there had been problems in St. Louis or if this was an act of prudence on the part of Columbia. Lieutenant Jones replied it was an act of prudence. He explained he had reached out to St. Louis, but had not heard back.

Mr. Trapp commented that because of the nature of the opioid crisis, he thought it would be good to move along deliberately. In order to not limit it to the offenses in St. Louis, it would be helpful to him to know of the issues. He noted there was an idea that many people engaged in substance abuse disorder behaviors would sell out friends or have a connection with the real drug dealer, and he would not want that to impede the law enforcement or the effectiveness of this ordinance because someone had a scale or something similar. He suggested more options or providing more information as they drafted an ordinance for Council consideration.

Mayor Treece asked for a sense of law enforcement's response to a typical scenario of this nature, and any resulting charges. Lieutenant Jones replied they had experienced calls where there had been several people within one area of one residence and those people panicking when a person overdosed. People had been put in bathtubs thinking that would revive them. People had been placed in a common area outside so someone would not know the apartment where the drugs had been used. He explained they had experienced a lot of different scenarios. If the Council wanted to move forward, their suggestion would be to offer immunity for the charge of possession, but not for the person that might have distributed or administered the drug to another person resulting in the death. Mayor Treece understood the qualified immunity would only be on the possession charge, but not on sales or distribution. Lieutenant Jones stated that was correct.

Mayor Treece asked if the Prosecutor's Office had been consulted. Lieutenant Jones replied no. They had only conducted a review of St. Louis' ordinance.

Mr. Thomas stated he thought this would be a good ordinance, but noted it would only be effective if the law was known by the people that might be in the described circumstances. He asked if there were particular strategies St. Louis had used or other strategies they had thought of to communicate an ordinance change such as this. Lieutenant Jones agreed there needed to be some sort of awareness campaign to make this known. He commented that he thought there might still be reservations. He stated he was uncertain as to whether this would lead to more calls and noted he had reached out to St. Louis to obtain a better understanding of that even anecdotally. Mr. Thomas thought the Community Outreach Unit would be one channel by which this could be systematically disseminated. He felt it would be important to create a robust communications plan if they moved forward so it actually made a difference.

Mr. Skala commented that he thought they would want to harvest any potential problems St. Louis had encountered. He did not believe they wanted to just adopt something someone else had done if there had been some egregious failures. He felt they should also know of any things that commended the process so they were able to take advantage of it. He did not want to get locked into the idea this was an issue they could apply from the outside to solve the problem for Columbia as he preferred to err on the side of caution. He wanted more information on the liabilities and positives for the St. Louis experience prior to codification. Lieutenant Jones stated he understood, and noted there were likely legal questions as to the Columbia Police Department's ability to offer immunity.

Ms. Peters asked if anyone had discussed this with the Law Department to ensure this ordinance was appropriate, and suggested that be done.

Mr. Trapp made a motion directing staff to bring forward an ordinance based upon the recommendation of the Police Department while also providing the option, if allowed, to include possession or distribution similar to the St. Louis ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Skala stated he wanted to ensure the ordinance and discussion included an analysis of this law in other communities so they had the positives and negatives.

The motion made by Mr. Trapp and seconded by Mr. Thomas directing staff to bring forward an ordinance based upon the recommendation of the Police Department while also providing the option of possession or distribution similar to the St. Louis ordinance, if allowed, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Pat Fowler, 606 N. Sixth Street, stated she would not be able to attend the October 17 Council Meeting and wanted to speak in favor of B273-16 involving the purchase of the Roth property. She commented that the last time they had discussed this parcel, it had been a part of a larger development that had included land to the east across the creek and 121 linear feet of Flat Branch Creek had been set to be covered with asphalt for a parking lot. She explained the Flat Branch Park had been reclaimed from former industrial uses and the contaminated soil had been remediated. It was one of the finest parks Columbia offered to its citizens. It was a place that honored the importance of the creek and the history of the founding of Columbia, and the Parks and Recreation Department had done an excellent job with their choice of architectural design elements in keeping with the history of the community. In leading up to the public hearing on September 8, 2015 with regard to the larger development she had mentioned previously, she had spoken with the Army Corps of Engineers and the City's stormwater staff, and they agreed there were not sufficient protections for the water quality of the creek. By the purchase of the Roth property and the choice not to cover 121 linear feet of the creek with asphalt, the City would go a long way in improving the water quality of Flat Branch Creek as the Parks and Recreation Department were skilled at mitigating the adverse effects of runoff. In addition, they would not have petroleum running into the creek. She commented that one of her favorite volunteer projects was to research and write walking tours for downtown, and this part of downtown was crucial to the completion of the African-American Heritage Trail. She explained she had come to appreciate standing in front of any building, vacant lot, or address in downtown Columbia and seeing what had previously been there along with what was there now. She provided the John William "Blind" Boone Home as an example, and noted one could stand there and hear him playing piano like his neighbors had when he was home from tours. She stated she could stand at the corner and see where William Jewell's home stood and the

livery at the corner where Richard Gentry tried and successfully relocated the downtown business district. The purchase of the Roth property would provide citizens the opportunity to reconnect with Columbia's history. If the Council voted to purchase this property and protect Flat Branch Creek and Flat Branch Park, they would facilitate what most people wanted, a healthy environment to raise their families and a sense of civic pride.

James Gray commented that there were issues they were overlooking in Columbia with regard to young people. He stated the Columbia Police Department was thin in its operations, and although he appreciated the City providing \$500,000 to the Boys and Girls Club, he felt they had missed the point in providing those funds. He explained on Friday and Saturday night there were many young kids downtown, and the police officers had to deal with the drunks and the young people so it made for a long night for them. It was only a matter of time before something happened. He pointed out the Boys and Girls Club was not open late at night. He understood they planned to build a basketball facility, but noted it was not always about basketball. It was about doing what was right. He commented that he would hold the Council accountable if something was to happen to any kid downtown because he felt they were looking past what was needed. He thought the Council needed to step up and become accountable to helping kids and the Columbia Police Department in ensuring nothing bad happened. He explained he had been talking to the University Police Department as he believed they needed to be downtown monitoring students in at least a joint effort. He did not feel the Columbia Police Department should have to do it all. He reiterated he would hold the Council accountable, and suggested they ask for help from the University between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m. He reiterated he believed it was only a matter of time before something was to happen. He stated he would be willing to serve on the Youth Advisory Council as he felt it was time to ask the youth what they needed. He suggested they think about what they could do to take care of the downtown and provide a place for young people to go in order to make the jobs of police officers easier.

Mr. Skala thanked Mr. Gray for his comments and noted he accepted the accountability Mr. Gray had thrown in their direction since they were the elected officials. He asked Mr. Gray what more they could do as they were trying to balance lots of needs. Mr. Gray replied many people utilized the ARC on Saturdays and Sundays to play basketball, but not everyone had transportation. He felt they needed to find something in central Columbia that was open, and it did not have to involve basketball or babysitting. He understood the City would soon spend \$1 million on land, and suggested something be built on that for the kids to utilize. He thought they needed to make the jobs of police officers easier and hold the University accountable. He suggested using the Youth Advisory Council to learn what was needed. He noted he had a 16 year old daughter who told him the mall and the downtown were trouble, and that they needed something to do that was positive.

Mayor Treece commented that when he and Mr. Gray had spoken last week, he had brought up the Youth Advisory Council in terms of obtaining feedback from them. He thought they should also include someone from the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the facilities they had and the barriers to utilizing them. They needed to determine the issues involved, such as hours of operation, transportation, etc. It would also help to determine what options might be available. He understood the Youth Advisory Council was looking at a next agenda item and wondered if this might be appropriate.

Mr. Thomas explained the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) would meet Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, and noted he was the City Council representative to the YAC. He stated the meeting would begin with him making a pitch to them to work with City staff to review the social equity plan and the three targeted neighborhoods. Mr. Gray commented that he thought this needed to be citywide, and not just a review of three neighborhoods. The same issues existed throughout the City. Mr. Thomas explained he would ask the YAC to engage in the exact kind of thinking Mr. Gray had discussed in terms of how the City served youth and thought about equity, policing, etc. related to youth. He thought there might be an opportunity for Mr. Gray to attend and meet members of the YAC and present the things he would like for them to do. He felt there might be a synergy there as they provided recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Gray commented that he felt Mr. Thomas was missing the point by focusing only on three neighborhoods as he believed they needed to view it as the City of Columbia as a whole. Mr. Thomas stated the point he was making was that the City had embarked on a program of

specific policing activities and resources, and the YAC could study it and come back to the City Council with recommendations. Mr. Gray asked to be able to assist because he did not feel Mr. Thomas understood.

Mr. Thomas explained this Council had supported the Room at the Inn for the last three years with bus passes, a small amount of funding from the council reserve funds, police overtime to cover the homeless shelter, etc. He commented that in Missouri the average night time low typically dropped below freezing around December 1, and during the last two years, there had been no winter shelter for homeless people in December. He had been working for the last six months to find a way to open Room at the Inn in early December, and the Unitarian Church and the Room at the Inn had reached an agreement so the Room at the Inn would open December 6. Since it would cost more money, he suggested they allocate \$3,000 from the council reserve fund to cover about 50 percent of the additional costs for the additional two weeks. Related to this, the City and the Heart of Missouri United Way was hosting a Homelessness Summit, and that event needed financial support as well. He suggested they allocate another \$3,000 from the council reserve fund to the Summit.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to allocate \$3,000 for the Room at the Inn and \$3,000 for the Homelessness Summit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp.

Ms. Peters asked why money was needed for the Homelessness Summit. Mr. Trapp replied the Homelessness Summit was a United Way led community initiative to bring stakeholders together for a unified strategy to address homelessness and set community goals. He noted the City of Columbia had goals that had emerged through the Social Services Division. This would allow for a more comprehensive look. There would be some mapping exercises he would lead with services providers to determine the gaps and to map the services and resources. They felt they might be more effective if they had a community endorsed strategy and brought in more partners that were able to impact the situation from all angles. It was a weekend event and United Way was putting up a substantial amount of money, and there were a lot of in-kind donations. It was their hope the City could help in the amount of \$3,000.

Mr. Skala stated he believed this was a worthwhile cause and did not have any objection to it. This had not been his take in terms of timing, but he did not have a problem.

The motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Trapp to allocate \$3,000 for the Room at the Inn and \$3,000 for the Homelessness Summit was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Thomas commented that he had spoken with Mr. Wischmeyer, one of the scheduled public comment speakers, prior to the meeting, and he believed his point was that the response he had received when he had contacted City staff regarding the compliance or non-compliance of the signs had indicated a concern about upsetting certain political parties, candidates, or entities. He hoped that was not the case as he believed they should enforce the ordinances fairly, impartially, and equally. He asked for a review of this situation and the City staff response.

Mr. Thomas noted the presentation by Mr. Hutchinson, who had been another scheduled public comment speaker, had suggested he had communicated with Sergeant Hestir from the Columbia Outreach Unit regarding an event. He asked that staff look into that to determine what might have happened.

Mr. Thomas invited everyone to attend a fundraiser for Access Arts, a charity that created opportunity for people with disabilities and other disadvantaged people to learn the arts. He noted he had been asked to create a painting with the help of Artist David Spear for auction at *Celebrarty* on October 27. He noted he had tickets if anyone was interested.

Mr. Trapp stated he would also appreciate follow up with regard to the sign ordinance as he felt they should enforce it evenhandedly. In general, the City only actively inspected grass due to real health issues, but when they received reports, they tended to enforce ordinances. He was sure there was no ill-will on the part of staff, but thought it would be good to address and to follow up with a report if it was complicated.

Mr. Trapp explained he had provided Mr. Clubine with information regarding the Texas Avenue dip, which was at a sharp curve near a creek and Jackson Street. He noted there had been a motorcycle fatality there ten years ago and wondered about the ability to install a guardrail there. There were also issues with striping, which he understood would be addressed, sight lines due to brush, and lighting. He looked forward to seeing what could be done regarding the sight lines, lighting, and the possibility of a guardrail.

Mr. Skala commented that he would not be here for the next meeting. He understood there was good deal of interest in the development involving the Berrywood Forest. This area had been rezoned in 2008 to O-P, and was slightly denser than what was coming before them on October 17. The company that had initially planned to develop on the lot had gone bankrupt, and it had been subsequently purchased and had a new proposal. It would be downsized to about one-quarter of the size that had originally been proposed with more buffers, etc., but the neighbors were concerned. The Woodridge Neighborhood had been unable to purchase the property and the City did not have the money to purchase it, so the development was proceeding. The bill before Council was to amend the O-P plan and the statement of intent to downsize the development. The neighborhood was concerned about traffic even though there had been improvements. He understood a roundabout would be installed on I-70 Drive Southeast near the grocery store and the motel, which he thought might solve the problem, but the neighbors were skeptical. He commented that he would tell his constituents how he felt via e-mail since he would be unable to attend, and only wanted to point that out to Council since it was a sensitive issue. He stated the purchase of the Roth property would be held at the same meeting so he would have to defer to the Council on that issue as well.

Mayor Treece stated he had received a call from a University of Missouri professor regarding the sidewalk and street closure at Elm Street, and the professor had made a good point in that during the peak hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there was so much student and other traffic parked up and down Fifth Street and Elm Street making it difficult for a fire truck or other emergency vehicle to get through. It had occurred to him that they had approved three sidewalk and street closures independent of each other, the ACC development at Turner Avenue and Providence Road, the project on Elm Street, and the project on Ninth Street. In conjunction with each other, these closures likely created unintended traffic consequences. He thought it might be helpful to do an informal traffic study during that time period to determine if projects needed to be phased or if fences could be moved back. He believed it would be good to see how the three street closures were interacting with one another.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Treece explained he might have failed to ask the City Clerk to read each of the bills on the consent agenda a second time before a roll call was done. As a result, he asked the City Clerk to call the consent agenda again and to call the roll again.

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

- B246-16 Approving the Final Plat of Stevens Ridge Subdivision, Plat 1 located on the west side of Route K, adjacent to William Smith Place; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 16-119).
- B247-16 Vacating a portion of an unused drainage easement on the south side of Lot 5 and Lot 7 within Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 2-B located at the terminus of Nocona Parkway and approximately 1,500 feet south of Ponderosa Street (Case No. 16-174).
- B248-16 Accepting conveyances for drainage and scenic conservation bikeway/walkway purposes.
- B249-16 Authorizing a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for groundwater monitoring of well

- sites in the vicinity of the wetland treatment units and the Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area.
- B250-16 Accepting conveyances for utility, drainage and sewer purposes.
- B251-16 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the issuance of birth and death certificates and associated technology resources.
- B252-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Youth Leadership in Tobacco Prevention program; appropriating funds.
- B253-16 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Healthy Families America program.
- R145-16 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements to the intersection of Waco Road and State Route B to include the installation of mast arm traffic signals and the modification of existing driveway access locations, and construction of raised islands and a pedestrian crosswalk.
- R146-16 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of Phase II improvements at the Norma Sutherland Smith Park to include the installation of a new playground, basketball court, baseball field, walking trail, restroom and connecting ADA walkways.
- R147-16 Setting a public hearing: consider project selections and prioritization of grant applications associated with Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for non-motorized transportation facilities.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:20 p.m.