



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, December 21, 2020
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, December 21, 2020, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll was taken with the following results: Council Members FOWLER, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER, and TREECE were present. Council Members THOMAS and PETERS were absent. The City Manager, Deputy City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2020 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Trapp and a second by Mr. Skala.

Mr. Pitzer asked that R159-20 be moved from the consent agenda to new business. The agenda, including the consent agenda with R159-20 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mayor Treece.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

SI22-20

COVID-19 Update.

Ms. Browning provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked Ms. Browning what percentage of college students declared Boone County as their residence, and if they tested positive at home, if those results were provided to Boone County or if they would be based upon the home address of their parents. Ms. Browning replied if they tested positive in Boone County and left to go to their parents' home, they would be included in the Boone County numbers and the City of Columbia/Boone County Health Department staff would communicate with the health department at their parents' home. If they were tested in their parents' community, they would likely be included in the numbers for that respective county.

Ms. Browning continued with the staff report.

Mayor Treece asked for the date for Phase 1B vaccinations. Ms. Browning replied she did not know.

Ms. Browning continued with the staff report.

Mr. Skala asked if the vaccine availability numbers should be cut in half since two doses were required. Ms. Browning replied no. She explained if they received 105,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, another 105,000 doses were being held to be shipped three weeks later. She pointed out the federal government would ship doses directly to CVS and Walgreens for the long-term care facilities, so the numbers would not be reduced by that either.

Ms. Browning continued with the staff report.

Mr. Skala commented that he understood the City of Springfield was having difficulty with compliance, and asked how that was going in Columbia. He noted he had not seen any issues reported and wondered if that meant compliance was going well. Ms. Browning

replied they received complaints occasionally. She pointed out the first goal was to provide education, which sometimes was all it took. She understood they would see some people in the stores who would not wear their mask, but explained her observation was that people were largely wearing their masks. She commented that she had been told mask usage was up in the County as well.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BC11-20 Board and Commission Appointments.

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

COLUMBIA SPORTS COMMISSION

Fleming, Kathryn, 2901 Yoko Court, Ward 3, Term to expire December 31, 2022
 Gibson, Amber, 1902 Weatherwood Avenue, Ward 2, Term to expire December 31, 2022
 Marcks, Carter, 3611 Blue Cedar Lane, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2022

FINANCE ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Oropallo, Maria, 208 E. Briarwood Lane, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2023

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

Yoakum, Michael, 4111 Meadow View Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire December 31, 2022

GROWTH IMPACT STUDY WORKING GROUP

Grove, Fredrick, 2709 Surfside Court, Ward 4
 Hemmelgarn, Dan, 412 Thilly Avenue, Ward 4
 Hoppe, Barbara, 607 Bluffdale Drive, Ward 6
 Hutchinson, Andrew, 607 Washington Avenue, Ward 1
 Leeper, Alice, 2015 Ivy Way, Ward 4
 Ross, Benjamin, 205 Paw Paw Way, Ward 2
 Wolverton, Robert, P.O. Box 7169, Boone County

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Couch, Erin, 3316 Keenes Edge Drive, Ward 3, Term to expire December 31, 2023
 Kleopfer, Lynn, 4106 Joslyn Court, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2023
 Slayton, Valerie, 4110 Compton Road, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2023
 Suhler, Diane, 902 Timberhill Road, Ward 6, Term to expire December 31, 2023

POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD

Frede, Benjamin, 6706 Madison Creek Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2022

Ms. Amin asked if she should hold off advertising the Columbia Housing Authority Board, the Community Land Trust Organization Board, and the Tax Increment Financing Commission in the newspapers again. Mayor Treece replied yes. Ms. Amin stated she would include them with the list on the website and within the press release that was issued. Mayor Treece noted he was agreeable to moving forward in that manner.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC72-20 Rachel Proffitt - Public and worker health benefits of using roll carts for waste management.

Rachel Proffitt commented that they currently had 1,131 signatures on the petition they were working to submit and pointed out it was far short of the needed 3,219 signatures and their goal of 4,000 signatures to ensure they had at least 20 percent more for a margin of error. She stated they were trying to be creative in collecting signatures by

going to where people were, which was at home in most instances. They had collected signatures via a drive-thru method outside of her home, at polling places, etc. She noted many people had indicated to her that they wanted to help, but did not feel safe being out due to risk factors. As a result, she did not feel they would make the deadline for the April election and was hoping they would be able to make it for the August election. She pointed out the Council had seen the budget numbers and stacks of cardboard and piles of recycling bags at the recycling drop-off centers. People wanted to recycle and also wanted their recycling picked up at the curb. She noted the budget numbers indicated the Solid Waste Division would eventually be under the 30 percent reserve number, and the workers wanted automated collection as they wanted a job they could do safely. She understood they appreciated the increase in pay, but it was still a really hard and unsafe job. She commented that the two bag limit was good, but she believed that meant more people would stuff those bags, which would make them heavier, and thus, harder for the workers. She stated they wanted the trash collection to be safe for them and everyone else. She noted they would keep pushing and collecting signatures even though they might not meet their goal for another year or two. She pointed out this impacted everyone as they all had trash that needed to be collected, and stated they were grateful to the workers who were out there regardless of the weather and during a pandemic. She commented that they might need help in moving forward with automated collection.

SPC73-20 Barbara Jefferson - Volunteer input on board commission.

Barbara Jefferson withdrew her request to speak.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH47-20 Proposed construction of improvements at Albert-Oakland Park to include replacement of a shelter, restroom and two (2) playgrounds, and rerouting disc golf holes #5 and #6, installation of an asphalt overlay and restriping the basketball court, parking lot renovations and replacement of light fixtures.

Discussion shown with B343-20.

B343-20 Authorizing construction of improvements at Albert-Oakland Park to include replacement of a shelter, restroom and two (2) playgrounds, and rerouting disc golf holes #5 and #6, installation of an asphalt overlay and restriping the basketball court, parking lot renovations and replacement of light fixtures; authorizing application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to fund a portion of the improvements at Albert-Oakland Park; calling for bids for a portion of the projects through the Purchasing Division.

PH47-20 was read by the Clerk, and B343-20 was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked if they were completely rebuilding the shelter with the bathrooms attached or removing the bathrooms. Mr. Griggs replied they would likely demolish it, and the new restrooms would be similar to those seen at the State parks. It would not be attached to the shelter. It would be standalone.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Trapp stated he was pleased to see these improvements. He noted he had been at Albert-Oakland Park the day before yesterday and it was a great park that people in the ward and around the City enjoyed, especially due to its disc golf course.

B343-20 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER, TREECE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT:

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

PH48-20 Proposed improvements at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) to include maintenance renovations to a rooftop HVAC unit, and renovations to the water slide and staircase located in the ARC Water Zone.

Discussion shown with B344-20.

B344-20 Authorizing improvements at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) to include maintenance renovations to a rooftop HVAC unit, and renovations to the water slide and staircase located in the ARC Water Zone; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

PH48-20 was read by the Clerk, and B344-20 was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Ms. Fowler asked for the plan for the staircase given the moisture and how it reacted to the chlorine. Mr. Griggs replied it would be cleaned and recovered. He stated they were not redoing the whole thing. They were essentially cleaning and resurfacing it, and they would also re-patch the areas at the bottom of the platform where it was leaking through the bolts.

Mayor Treece assumed the HVAC consultant had looked at new technology that might exist. He noted they were evaporating a lot of warm moist air and wondered if there might be anything else that was a better fit for the environment than the rooftop units. Mr. Griggs replied the rooftop units covered everything except the pool. They had a specialized unit for the pool environment.

Mayor Treece understood they were on their second generation of kids using the ARC, and asked if it was still popular. Mr. Griggs replied it was still very popular. Pre-COVID, their revenues had been exceeding their operating expenses.

Mr. Skala understood the stairs had been redone several times and assumed the cost of redoing it was better than redoing them in some other material that might be more resistant. Mr. Griggs clarified City staff had redone the stairs one year utilizing a high pressure washer. He noted they would be doing something much more industrial now, which he thought would help more. Mr. Skala asked if it was coated with anything. Mr. Griggs replied it would be recoated, and they were hoping that would eliminate the rusting.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Treece stated he had received an email from a woman who was thankful to ARC staff and Fire Department staff for responding quickly to her husband when he had been subject to a medical event at the ARC as he was doing well.

B344-20 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES:

FWOLLER, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER, TREECE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT:

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

PH49-20 Voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Lake of the Woods Road and approximately 600 feet north of Geysler Boulevard (2801 N. Lake of the Woods Road) (Case No. 36-2021).

PH49-20 was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala asked if the property was within the urban services area boundary. Mr. Teddy replied it was not based upon how that boundary was drawn in the Comprehensive Plan as the boundary followed the City boundary as it had existed in 2013. He noted they had made plans to extend the urban services area boundary with the permission of Council to

be more reflective of the sewer basin. Mr. Skala stated he thought it would make sense for this area to be an addendum to the existing urban services area because it was contiguous to other Third Ward neighborhoods. Mr. Teddy explained there was an intermittent stream that ran through the area that fed into the Hominy Creek and the underground infrastructures reflected what was on the surface so flows would be in the direction of the Hominy Branch trunk sewer.

Mayor Treece opened the public hearing.

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B334-20 Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Old Plank Road and west of Bethel Church Road (200 W. Old Plank Road); establishing permanent District R-MF (Multiple-family Residential) zoning (Case No. 2-2021).
- B335-20 Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Preliminary Plat of State Farm Subdivision - Block 2 located on the southeast corner of Southampton Drive and Providence Road (State Route 163) (4700 S. Providence Road) to allow a lot line to bisect an existing structure (i.e., access drive) (Case No. 203-2020).
- B336-20 Approving the Preliminary Plat of "State Farm Subdivision - Block 2" located on the southeast corner of Southampton Drive and Providence Road (State Route 163) (4700 S. Providence Road) (Case No. 203-2020).
- B337-20 Approving the Final Plat of "State Farm Subdivision - Block 2" located on the southeast corner of Southampton Drive and Providence Road (State Route 163) (4700 S. Providence Road); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 204-2020).
- B338-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 5A" located on the northwest corner of Nocona Parkway and Endeavor Avenue; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 6-2021).
- B339-20 Amending Ordinance No. 024419 to correct a scrivener's error in the address of the property contained in the ordinance.
- B340-20 Authorizing a contract with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri relating to the replacement of a waterline as part of the Lenoir Street improvement project; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B341-20 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for the replacement and rehabilitation of a portion of storm drain pipe on Aldeah Avenue, south of Ash Street.
- B342-20 Transferring control of features and artifacts recovered during archaeological investigations meeting the requirements of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to the

- University of Missouri - Department of Anthropology.
- B345-20 Authorizing a contract for the sale and donation of real estate with Silvermill Park, LLC for property within Cross Creek Subdivision located on the west side of Silver Mill Drive and north of Jackpine Drive to be used for open space and park purposes.
- B346-20 Amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating park sales tax funds and donated funds for Parks and Recreation Department projects.
- B347-20 Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) for access to the Show Me Courts case management system.
- B348-20 Amending Chapter 15 of the City Code to establish the assessment of court costs associated with the Statewide Court Automation Fund.
- B349-20 Authorizing application to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration and the Missouri Department of Transportation for airport capital assistance grants in 2021.
- B350-20 Authorizing acceptance of a grant from Boone Electric Community Trust for the purchase of a Keiser sled for the City's Fire Training academy; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- R158-20 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of storm water improvements on Bray Avenue, east of Longwell Drive.
- R160-20 Appointing James M. Owen as an associate municipal judge.
- R161-20 Authorizing a business associate agreement with Lawrence, Oliver and Associates, LLC for counseling services for City employees.
- R162-20 Authorizing FY 2021 agreements and FY 2022 renewal agreements with various social service agencies.
- R163-20 Authorizing an agreement for professional architectural services with Peckham & Wright Architects, Inc., d/b/a PWA Architects, Inc., for design services relating to the construction of Fire Station #11 to be located north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route KK.
- R164-20 Authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Missouri Department of Transportation for federal 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for the North Stadium Boulevard sidewalk project that aids in non-motorized transportation.
- R165-20 Authorizing application to the Missouri Division of Tourism for the FY 2021 Cooperative Marketing Program to broaden countywide marketing efforts.
- R166-20 Authorizing investment of police and fire pension funds in securities managed by Canyon Capital Advisors LLC and Canyon-DOF III General Partner Company, LLC and identified as Canyon Distressed Opportunity Fund III (Cayman), L.P.; authorizing execution of any agreements as are necessary for completion of those investments.
- R167-20 Establishing a separate bank account for the City of Columbia Municipal Division as required by the Supreme Court of Missouri - Office of State Courts Administrator; designating the Municipal Court Administrator and

one or more Deputy Court Clerks as the City's authorized account signers on such account; providing for administrative authority to adopt and execute any banking authorization forms required by the banking institution to verify the authorized signatories.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

R159-20 Reappointing Cavanaugh Noce to the position of municipal judge.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Judge Noce provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece stated he appreciated Judge Noce's example of public service. He noted he had commented several times of the exemplary municipal judiciary in Columbia, and understood Judge Noce was out on Saturdays doing community service setting the expectations of the community. He thought Judge Noce's kindness, candor, and firmness had gone a long way in making Columbia a model judiciary.

Mr. Skala commented that Judge Noce was an exemplary employee that would always reach out with prior notifications and was available to answer questions. He stated he was proud of him and his staff for their work.

Mr. Pitzer stated for him there had not been much consideration with regard to whether they would reappoint Judge Noce to another term. He asked Judge Noce to keep up the good work, and noted they were honored to have him.

Mr. Trapp commented that he wanted to use Judge Noce as an example of an approach to governance. He noted he had worked a lot on the issues of homeless, and although he had a passion for the issue, it related to who they were as an organization along with their mission and vision. He explained their mission was to serve and their vision was to be the best. He stated service organizations had a set of best practices on how they did the best, which included a recovery oriented system of care and a no wrong door approach, and Judge Noce had captured how to serve struggling people well. In government, they tended to start with the business community and the homeowners because their bosses were essentially those that voted. When they served, they did not start with the people that had the best ability to communicate and the best resources to communicate their point. They built services under the assumption that people that had multiple barriers tended to not do well in big systems. As a result, they served people by creating systems that functioned well for people that had trauma histories, physical disabilities, substance use disorders, mental health conditions, etc., and then built up capturing everyone that had lesser barriers. If they created systems that served those people well, they would serve everyone well. He explained Judge Noce had utilized existing resources and talent in the creation of the community support docket that brought in social workers to provide support for people so the system was not onerous and provided an opportunity for people to improve their lives and access the support they needed in order to be successful. He commented that the primary mission of Judge Noce was to enforce and adjudicate the law, and this approach had not taken away from that. It was enhanced by having resource lists and building the system under the assumption that those that came to Municipal Court might have trauma histories, mental health issues, substance use disorders, poverty issues, etc. Judge Noce made sure those people were served well, and that meant everyone in Columbia was served well. He stated he was proud of the work of Judge Noce and suggested Mr. Glascock look at that department as a model for all services. He thanked Judge Noce for his work and noted he was excited about the future.

The vote on R159-20 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: FOWLER, TRAPP, SKALA, PITZER, TREECE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: THOMAS, PETERS.
Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

IX. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

- B351-20 Voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Lake of the Woods Road and approximately 600 feet north of Geyser Boulevard (2801 N. Lake of the Woods Road); establishing permanent District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) zoning (Case No. 202-2020).
- B352-20 Approving a Major Amendment to the PD Planned Development of "Lot 3 of Providence South Plaza, Plat 1" located on the east side of Green Meadows Road and south of Carter Lane (651 E. Green Meadows Road); approving a statement of intent; granting a design exception to permit a drive-through window and lane in the front yard adjacent to Green Meadows Road (Case No. 9-2021).
- B353-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Wyndham Commercial Corner, Plat No. 2" located on the northeast corner of the Scott Boulevard and State Route KK intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 7-21).
- B354-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Wellington Manor, Plat No. 3A" located on the south side of Bradbury Drive and east of Kipling Way; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 4-2021).
- B355-20 Approving the Final Plat of "Auburn Hills Plat, No. 13-A" located on the northeast corner of the Brown School Road and Derby Ridge Road intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 5-2021).
- B356-20 Authorizing construction of the Tupelo Place and Larch Court sanitary sewer improvement project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contract.
- B357-20 Authorizing construction of the Glenwood Avenue PCCE #25 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contract.
- B358-20 Accepting conveyances for drainage, utility, sewer and temporary construction purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.
- B359-20 Authorizing a non-federal reimbursable agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for a commissioned flight inspection of the temporary Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) on Runway 2-20 at the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.
- B360-20 Authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by

- appropriating funds.
- B361-20 Authorizing and ratifying an agreement with the United States of America Transportation Security Administration for reimbursement of law enforcement officer services at the Columbia Regional Airport; authorizing execution of future agreements.
- B362-20 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for maternal child health services.
- B363-20 Authorizing and ratifying Amendment No. 1 to the CARES funding agreement with Boone County, Missouri for the expansion of public health activities provided by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.
- B364-20 Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri, on behalf of the Boone County Children's Services Board, for the purchase of services for coordination of prenatal and early childhood home visitation as part of the Brighter Beginnings program; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds; amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Department of Public Health and Human Services - Human & Social Services Division; amending the FY 2021 Classification and Pay Plan by adding a classification.
- B365-20 Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code as it relates to filing deadlines for an appeal or jurisdictional review associated with the Citizens Police Review Board and establishing a provision for variances or waivers upon a finding of good cause.
- B366-20 Amending the FY 2021 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of an historic piano for the John William "Blind" Boone home.

X. REPORTS

- REP81-20 Request of the Parking Advisory Commission to Amend Chapter 14 of the City Code of Ordinances to Make Christmas Eve an Observed Parking Holiday.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Nichols if he had a recommendation. Mr. Nichols replied staff was neutral on the subject.

Nickie Davis explained she was present on behalf of the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) and the Parking Advisory Commission, and noted both were supportive of this. Over the years, there had been many requests for this, to include people in the faith community who wanted to attend services without being ticketed. She asked the Council to support the request.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Glascock if he had any thoughts or recommendations. Mr. Glascock replied they had done this in the past without an ordinance by not enforcing it. Mayor Treece thought the Council had received some phone calls with regard to it last year if he recalled correctly.

Mayor Treece stated he preferred this not be in an ordinance and thought discretion should be utilized. He was not sure they needed to block out the entire day and suggested just the afternoon or just after 4:00 p.m. He understood they wanted to encourage people to shop downtown, but felt they also needed to preserve the turnover of

parking meters. He thought discretion would be appropriate if that was possible without an ordinance change.

Mr. Trapp agreed it would be nice to lighten it up if it would not create an issue.

Mr. Glascock stated he thought they could do that.

Ms. Fowler commented that she did not feel they would get the benefit of encouraging people to come downtown on Christmas Eve if they did not notify the public. She wondered if it was enough to informally not enforce the ordinance or if they should make an announcement so it had meaning and the desired effect. Mr. Glascock replied he would work with Ms. Davis in order to do that.

Mr. Skala suggested a press release and allowing the Downtown CID to publicize it for this year. He agreed with Ms. Fowler in that they needed to let the public know this was happening.

Mayor Treece asked if they really did want it publicized. He understood the issue was having a parking ticket after church services. If they did not make an announcement, most people would still pay the meter. If it ran out while they were shopping, they would not be penalized. He thought that might be a better approach than having a moratorium on parking fees for a sacred holiday. He stated he saw both sides of the issue.

Ms. Fowler noted she understood the concerns of Mayor Treece and explained she wanted to do what they could to encourage people to spend their money downtown if they were going to be out spending their money. She stated she was unsure of the right answer and only wanted to help the downtown businesses.

Mayor Treece commented that he would prefer this not be put into ordinance. Ms. Fowler agreed.

Mayor Treece stated he was agreeable to them marketing it as long as they could accommodate crowds from a public safety and revenue standpoint.

Mr. Pitzer stated he agreed, and pointed out they wanted turnover as well. He noted people would not come downtown if they thought there would not be any place to park, and there would only be a place to park if someone left. He pointed out it was a balancing act.

REP82-20

Honorary Street Signs.

Mayor Treece commented that he would rather leave this as an administrative function, and thought staff could have some type of matrix. He suggested this be rare as it would otherwise become progressively meaningless. He understood changing street names was financially expensive for people and should not be done without a majority or supermajority of people that lived on the street agreeing to it. He also suggested the person being honored should be deceased with a significant and intact reputation. He noted they might want to reevaluate some long time City streets to determine if they still fit with what they had. He stated he would prefer not to have a City ordinance govern it, and suggested a policy.

Mr. Skala thought the precedent had been for the applicant to do the legwork and speak with the neighbors and for the staff to provide a recommendation. He provided the name change of Rice Road to Geyser Boulevard as an example and noted it had come before the City Council for an official street name change. He felt that process had worked reasonably well, and asked if that was a workable model. Mr. Trapp replied he thought this was referring to those secondary, symbolic names. He noted they had a well-established process for street names which involved the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). Mr. Skala understood this would be secondary and in addition to the existing process.

Mr. Trapp explained he understood the constituent of Mr. Thomas was seeking a memorial name change on a minor street after a tragic loss. He thought they might want to consider something like that on occasion. He did not think it detracted from the City, but agreed with Mayor Treece in that they would want to make it rare.

Mr. Skala wondered if that should involve some sort of vetting process by staff with the approval of the City Council.

Mr. Trapp agreed they should have a process, and thought it was fine to have a staff or administrative process. He was not sure they needed an ordinance, but felt there should be a way for families to pursue something of this nature.

Mr. Pitzer understood other honorary names had been addressed via a resolution adopted by the Council. There had been an administrative process first, and then a resolution to Council. He believed that helped to raise the level of significance a bit so that it remained a rare and special occurrence.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Teddy if he was comfortable accepting that and having some type of policy that acknowledged longevity, community engagement, etc. He felt there needed to be some objective criteria for future requests. Mr. Teddy replied he thought staff would want Council input even if it was administrative guidelines. He believed they wanted to reserve judgements of who might be worthy of a sign to Council as staff would likely be uncomfortable making those kinds of decisions, but staff could put together a matrix. Mr. Skala and Mayor Treece were agreeable to that proposal.

REP83-20 Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee Membership Update.

Mayor Treece made a motion to appoint James Melton, Robert Almony, Natalie Thomas, D'Andre Thompson, and Sarah Dresser to serve on the Columbia Arts Fund Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP84-20 Downtown Community Improvement District - End of Year Fiscal Report.

Mr. Trapp left the meeting room.

Nickie Davis, the Executive Director of the Downtown CID, stated she was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Treece asked if there were any questions, and no one had a question.

REP85-20 Annual Report of Volunteer Service to the City of Columbia.

Mr. Trapp returned to the meeting room.

Ms. Kottwitz provided a staff report.

Mayor Treece commented that there was usually a breakfast or picnic honoring their volunteers and understood that had not happened this year. Ms. Kottwitz stated that was correct. Mayor Treece assumed Ms. Kottwitz had found a way to keep the volunteers engaged even amid the pandemic. Ms. Kottwitz stated they had tried. She explained they had continued communicating with them and sharing their thanks in other ways.

Mayor Treece asked Ms. Kottwitz to share the appreciation of the Council to the volunteers for their service.

Mr. Skala understood the trash pick-up events allowed people to maintain optimum social distancing and noted some of the volunteer endeavors were able to be done year in and year out. Ms. Kottwitz noted they had canceled Clean Up Columbia this past April, and had worked hard to keep volunteers safe and within groups of 20 or less in order to be compliant with the health orders.

Ms. Fowler stated she had been intrigued by the fact Ms. Kottwitz had a satisfaction survey for the volunteers and asked to be provided a copy of it. Ms. Kottwitz replied she would provide it. Ms. Fowler explained she was interested in developing a similar satisfaction survey for members of their boards and commissions.

Mr. Trapp commented that rarely was a 36 percent decline a great victory and a major accomplishment, but noted it really had been this year. He could not imagine more trying times for what Ms. Kottwitz did. He stated the volunteer work really impacted the environment and made Columbia a great place to live, and thanked Ms. Kottwitz for her efforts.

REP86-20 Monthly Finance Report.

Mr. Pitzer understood they were about two percent over the budgeted amount in sales tax and asked if that was correct. Mr. Lue replied it was with the way this was presented.

He explained that in 2019, about 95.9 percent of the sales tax had gone into the general fund, and in 2020, about 98 percent had gone into the general fund. If they took those percentages into account, they were about even with prior years. He stated they were about 0.12 percent higher than last year.

Mr. Pitzer commented that in the April/May time frame, they had reduced the projection quite a bit for the remainder of FY 2020, and asked if that was correct. Mr. Lue replied yes. Mr. Pitzer understood they had come in ahead of that. Mr. Lue stated that was correct. Mr. Pitzer asked for the dollar amount. Mr. Lue replied he was not sure of the dollar amount.

Mr. Pitzer asked about the \$2.1 million decline in transfers on the second page. Mr. Lue replied those were transfers from the transportation sales tax and the park sales tax that were deferred so they could build up those funds. He noted that was also a result of the 10 percent reduction in expenditures in budgets. Since they were not using that 10 percent, they did not have to transfer it.

Mr. Pitzer understood sales taxes were roughly flat, and it was the same for the transportation sales taxes and the parks sales taxes. Mr. Lue stated that was correct.

Mr. Pitzer asked for clarification regarding the other local taxes within the report. Mr. Lue replied the other local taxes line item on the second page of the report was a quarterly comparison. It compared the fourth quarter budgeted numbers to the actual numbers, and on the final page of the report, that number was comparing the full year. He explained they were up for the quarter, but down for the year.

Mr. Pitzer asked what they had budgeted last year in terms of reserve spending and what they had actually ended up spending. Mr. Lue replied it appeared as though they spent just under \$800,000 and they had budgeted spending about \$4.2 million. He noted some of that was attributed to the 10 percent reduction in expenditures. It really put their budget in line. Mr. Pitzer stated he had recalled a conversation about a year ago with regard to using a third or a quarter of the excess reserves in that fiscal year, but thanks to the measures taken at the onset of the pandemic, it did not happen. As a result, they had not dipped into much of the excess reserves in the last fiscal year.

REP87-20 Amendment to the FY 2021 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

Mayor Treece understood this had been provided for informational purposes.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, suggested the Council talk to the homeless if they were provided that opportunity and to try to find out why they were homeless and what caused them to be in that situation. In his discussions with people, he believed it was the result of abuse during foster care. He suggested they see what they could do with regard to more oversight with foster care in Columbia so they could break the chain of more homelessness in the future.

Mr. Elkin wished everyone happy holidays.

Barbara Jefferson, 305 N. Fifth Street, stated she wanted to apologize to anyone that had been present during the meeting she had attended this past Wednesday that had encountered some degrading statements. She encouraged the Council to become more involved with some of the board, commission, task force, and committee meetings. She did not feel staff should allow certain degrading behaviors, and that they should be trained to know what should not be allowed. She pointed out the Council would not know what was going on if someone was not present. She did not feel anyone should encounter degrading statements.

Mayor Treece asked which meeting she was referencing. Ms. Jefferson replied it was the Housing and Community Development Commission meeting.

Ms. Jefferson understood the Council had discussed its strategic plan a few weeks ago

and had mentioned racism and equal opportunities for everyone. She wondered how that would be implemented and measured. She suggested the Council watch the video from the meeting she mentioned as it might allow them to look at how things could be done differently in terms of racism.

Ms. Jefferson wished the Council happy holidays.

Mr. Trapp commented that tonight was the winter solstice, and for those that celebrated, it was the longest night of the year and a night of profound significance for him. He explained that when he was 28 years old, he had suffered from a mental health breakdown and had ended up in a psychiatric unit where he had been up all night. He stated there was a huge amount of shame for those that had mental health issues which he did not think people realized. He noted he had worked in the field and had been cared for by those that worked for him. He had a tough night of not being able to sleep as he had been thinking about the fact he had lost his job, his girlfriend, and place to live, and his thoughts had not been straight anymore. As he was thinking this, the sun had started to come up, and he realized it was the winter solstice and longest night of the year. With that sunrise he told himself he would get better and this would not define him. He commented that very few people were able to pull themselves together out of a serious mental health breakdown and go on to have a great career, the ability to help people, own a home, and have intact relationships. He noted he had been blessed, and it was part of what drove him to help people. He explained he had not planned to share all of that tonight, but as he wrapped up his service as a Council Member, there were things he had noticed as a philosopher and people watcher, which he would talk about during council comments until April.

Mr. Trapp thanked Mr. Elkin as he was widely known and respected in the homeless community. He noted Mr. Elkin was a random force for good as he did not work for any particular agency. He just went out and spoke with people. He was genuine and real, and sometimes provided rides or pointed people in a direction. He mostly listened to people and treated them with profound respect. Mr. Trapp asked the Council to develop at least one relationship with a struggling person. They were so class stratified in Columbia and in America as they lived with people of a similar race and economic background, but they were not blessed to have rich relationships with people, which allowed them to mischaracterize and not understand or bring as much compassion to the big systems they had been honored to administer. He commented that these were the things he would think about when he went home tonight while sitting by the fire as it had been more of a challenging year since that last time he had had a real tough year. He explained he would also reflect on how he could bring his own presence to try to help the community get through this tragedy and grow from it. He felt they should do a better job of taking care of each other so they did not have these ongoing problems. He commented that Mr. Elkin was correct in that what drove homelessness was adverse childhood experience and trauma, whether a blow to the head or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The common denominator of substance use disorder or mental health disorder was trauma, and how they treated trauma survivors in the community was not right. He suggested they challenge themselves like Judge Noce had in terms of what they could do better and what they could do different to ensure these big systems were a door to the solution.

Mr. Trapp wished everyone happy holidays as well.

Mayor Treece noted written comment had been received from Bill Weitkemper regarding the RubinBrown performance audit, which included some recommendations and comments. He explained it had been provided to the Council and would be filed with items associated with this meeting. He noted the issue would be discussed at the work session scheduled for Tuesday.

Ms. Fowler stated she appreciated the comments of Mr. Trapp. She noted they had trauma in multiple places in the community, and hoped, in 2021, they became more knowledgeable and conversant in how to talk about those things as a community.

Ms. Fowler commented that they were all hearing from residents that were distressed by the fact the recycling drop-off facilities were full and overflowing, or that there was not nearby availability as was the case in the Fourth Ward, and explained she had discussed that with Mr. Glascock who had indicated staff would provide more information. She noted Mr. Glascock had pointed out that on the weekends they were overflowing, but during the week after staff had been given the chance to empty and replace them, space was available. She knew how difficult it was for folks, and stated they had a plan for how they would address this and needed the chance for that plan to be implemented by City staff. She asked those that were able to shift their recycling drop-off to the middle of the week to do so and for everyone to continue to show patience and kindness to their solid waste staff. She noted she had the opportunity to be home when her trash was picked up today, and due to construction at the other end of the street, the truck had to back down to get to them. She stated she had been impressed with how fast they were working in order to not lose time overall due to that obstacle.

Ms. Fowler understood there were 30 curbside pick-up parking spaces in the downtown among the 2,000 metered spots, and asked Council to consider continuing to allow the downtown businesses to use them at no charge until they came to another phase of COVID. She stated seventeen businesses had closed downtown since the beginning of COVID, and it was anticipated that 1-2 more would close after the holiday season.

Mr. Skala commented that he had recently learned that the Fourth Ward did not have a drop-off site, and understood that would likely be resolved soon.

Mr. Skala noted he had received many emails with regard to trash, and felt they needed to get more information out to the public with regard to the interim step they were taking. He read his response to some with regard to trash and recycling which indicated the solid waste staff had been decimated due to COVID-19 infections and quarantines, which had resulted in the suspension of curbside recycling. By order of the Council, curbside recycling was scheduled to resume in February assuming staff availability. In addition, policy measures had been taken to establish an affordable "pay as you throw" and bulk fee based system for all solid waste trash, which would also begin in February. He indicated Columbians had been spoiled by a subsidized system that had provided expensive immaculate services with little regard to the cost of service to remove and pick up all trash regardless of volume or bulk. They might or might not have a future with roll carts or a hybrid system utilizing roll carts in some areas, but since the ordinance that would ban them was established with an initiative petition and codified via a public referendum, he believed the proper legal way to change the ordinance would require another successful initiative petition and referendum. Additionally, there were significant cost considerations as the staff had estimated \$12 million for automated trucks and roll carts. Implementing such a system without significant rate increases would mean severe budgetary restrictions in other areas. He pointed out solid waste customers would be allowed as many curbside bags as they wanted provided they were willing to pay \$2.00 per bag beyond the 104 voucher supplied City logo trash bags. He noted the measures were designed to reduce the solid waste trash stream by encouraging recycling and a fair "pay as you throw" system that was not prohibitively expensive, and pointed out a reduced solid waste trash stream had staffing benefits in terms of daily workload. He commented that this was his opinion. He was not sure what the public thought, but felt the public needed to have access to the facts. He believed the more

they could get this message out, the better they would be.

Mr. Skala wished everyone a safe and happy holiday, and asked everyone to continue to wear their masks, keep their distance, and wash their hands.

Mayor Treece stated he believed they needed to stay on top of emptying the recycling bins. He was not sure how that could be done, but felt it was necessary to retain confidence. He noted the good news was that people were continuing to recycle, but since they were not keeping up with demand, they needed to figure out how they could do better. He commented that he hoped there was a plan for the month of January to roll out the changes that would take effect in February to ensure people understood what was and what was not expected.

Mayor Treece noted they were so close to the end of the pandemic as the vaccine was near, but they could not let their guard down. He asked everyone to continue to do the things they had done consistently through Thanksgiving to protective themselves and their loved ones, through the Christmas holiday and New Year's Eve so they could all get back to normal as soon as possible. They all wanted to be back in school and for the economy to turn back to normal, and to do that, they had to see this through until they were able to reach as many inoculations as possible. He noted this would continue well into 2021.

Mr. Pitzer commented that he agreed with the suggestion of Ms. Fowler to continue to allow parking spots within the downtown to be utilized for curbside pick-up. He assumed the businesses and the Downtown CID wanted that to continue. Ms. Fowler stated they did. Mr. Pitzer stated he had not been aware of an expiration date on it, but thought it made perfect sense to continue with it as he believed the benefit far outweighed the expense or cost to the City.

Mayor Treece asked if anyone objected to this, and no one did.

Mr. Glascock explained a work session would be held Tuesday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m. He noted Mr. Thomas wanted to participate virtually and stated he would plan on accommodating that if the Council was agreeable.

Mayor Treece asked if they would be meeting in the Council Chamber. Mr. Glascock replied yes. Mayor Treece asked if the meeting would be streamed online. Mr. Glascock replied yes.

Mayor Treece asked if there was any objection to Mr. Thomas joining them virtually. He noted they would not be taking any votes. No one objected.

Mr. Glascock asked if Council wanted to know anything in particular in terms of the CARES Act funding at the work session. Mayor Treece replied he wanted to be provided an update, and noted that might result in questions regarding the timing of appropriations, etc. Mr. Glascock pointed out he had signed some contracts under his emergency powers, but that the Council would have to vote on those at the first meeting in January, which meant they would need at least six Council Members in attendance.

Mayor Treece asked if anyone planned on being gone for the first meeting in January. No one responded indicating they would miss that meeting.

Mr. Pitzer commented that he might be able to attend the first hour of the December 29 work session, and noted he did not need to participate via Zoom.

Mayor Treece asked Mr. Pitzer to look at the agenda to determine if they needed to move anything to the top so he could participate in the discussion. Mr. Pitzer replied he might not be able to participate at all. If he was able to participate, he would look into the order of the agenda.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Treece adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:49 p.m.