



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, July 6, 2021
6:00 PM

Pre-Council

Council Chamber
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

At approximately 6:04 p.m. the Mayor called the meeting to order.

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

This item is open to the public: Proposed Public Engagement Process with regard to the American Rescue Plan Act

This discussion began at approximately 1 minute into the meeting.

Sydney Olsen, Public Information Officer, gave an overview of public engagement for how to spend the American Rescue Plan Act Funding. In this, she detailed what the food, transportation, child care, and interpreter funding would be should Council decide to pursue this route. Lastly, Olsen went over what the proposed survey would look like to have an electronic version of public engagement.

Council Member Skala said he is looking for not specific proposals from the public, but themes of where the spending should go.

Mayor Treece stated that they had already had one hour of public engagement, and if we were to do this like any other budgetary item that would mean we would have three other public engagement sessions before October.

Council Member Fowler stated that she sees this money as going to those who were overburdened by the pandemic, and addressing issues of systemic inequities.

Council Member Peters said while she agrees with Council Member Fowler, Council needs to first figure out how many public engagement processes and where they should be held. She also stated that we already know we need to address community violence, homelessness, the environment and public safety and wants to make sure that in these meetings we will be learning something that we don't already know.

Council Member Pitzer stated that there is feedback and translation of that feedback into policy and ideas. He stated that there is probably a general consensus from Council on how to spend and where to spend this money. He suggested that Council attempts to move forward with those they are in consensus with and do a process to figure out how to spend the additional money.

Council Member Thomas shared support of Fowler's ideas to continue to listen to our community. He suggested a two phased approach, one being public hearings for our budget cycle this fall, and the second to move a little slower on how to spend these funds.

Council Member Waner expressed support of having as many public engagement processes as possible. She expressed that transportation, food, child care, interpreters need to be included.

Council Member Peters reminded the Council that these meetings do not have to take place any time soon. While Council does have \$12 million now, Council has 3-4 years to spend the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mayor Treece asked John Glascock what the budget timeline looks like. Mr. Glascock said that it is set to be introduced at the first meeting of August and there are three public hearings on the budget from the public. He suggested that Council hold off spending the money until after the budget process as that is an extensive process itself.

Council Member Fowler asked if the agencies and City resources from the contracts signed last Council Meeting were sufficient enough, or if they needed more funds. Mr. Glascock said the City has enough money to do their jobs.

Please refer to the meeting video for additional information.

This item is open to the public: Motion for the City Council to go into closed session to discuss:

- Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor pursuant to Section 610.021(2) RSMo.
- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.
- Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

At approximately 6:32 p.m., Treece made a motion for the City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded pursuant to Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment pursuant to Section 610.021(13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

The vote was recorded as follows: **VOTING YES: THOMAS, PITZER, PETERS, TREECE, FOWLER, WANER, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE.**

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

At approximately 6:34 p.m. the City Council went into closed session in

Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Sections 610.021 (2), (3), and (13).

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.