



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, July 18, 2022

5:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room

1A/1B

Columbia City Hall

701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

This item is open to the public: Lester Woods Jr. - Transportation Initiative

Mayor Buffaloe welcomed the City Manager Mr. De'Carlton Seewood to introduce the topic and Pastor Lester Woods Jr. to lead the discussion.

Pastor Lester Woods, Jr. introduced the topic for discussion, "The Last Mile Valet Services". The purpose of The Last Mile Valet Services, according to Pastor Woods, Jr. is to provide transportation services to citizens of Columbia who experience limited access to transportation to work and other other places in and around the city of Columbia.

Pastor Woods, Jr. explained that the Source Summit is an avenue by which The Round Table Community Organization uses its strategies to deal with social and economic concerns in underserved communities.

The Round Table Organization in Columbia outsource the Source Summit Leadership to configure the whole initiative of The Last Mile Valet Services. Pastor Woods, Jr. then introduced the leadership present with him: Dion Thompson and Shanon Wilson.

Pastor Woods Jr. continued to explain that, in the Round Table discussions there are a number of entities or community organizations that have been participating in the discussion about providing access to transportation services for all residents in the City of Columbia. A lot of them are also city's employees.

The Source Summit model uses 3 prong bilateral approaches - putting together community leaders representing Faith/Church Community/Leaders, Leaders in Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and Leaders in Corporations to talk about how we can all address the social and economic barriers that are facing communities in Columbia. The internet is to bring together different stakeholders to close economic gaps between communities and build relationships with those offering different services that will help in reducing the barriers of social and economic conditions within the community.

Pastor Woods, Jr. asked if the City would match \$60,000.

This item is open to the public: ARPA Survey Results

Director of Health, Stephanie Browning introduced Kari Utterback and Jordan Bales to lead the ARPA Survey discussion.

Jordan Bales, Sr. Planner of Public Health and Human Services, introduced the discussions noting that the City has already committed the first half of the ARPA funds of about \$12.6million to address community violence, homelessness, behavioral and mental health services, and workforce development.

Bales mentioned that the city's community engagement process centers around the second allocation of the \$12.6million. The broader allocation suggested in the survey include investment in water and sewer ,project infrastructure, governmental services to the extent of revenue loss, premium pay for eligible workers, and public health and economic impact. Each category includes assistance for disproportionately impacted classes - broad based impacted by the pandemic, and communities severely impacted by the pandemic.

The purpose of the survey was to identify the disproportionately impacted class on individuals, households, businesses and nonprofit organizations and to collect feedback regarding communities served with remaining ARPA funds.

Survey included asking individuals about:

- Their demographic information
- Whether they live or own businesses in Columbia
- How COVID19 impacted their lives, businesses and income as applicable
- How they prioritize the allocation of the second and last part of the ARPA Fund (see the attached powerpoint presentation for details)

The Mayor, Council members and Staff had further discussions.

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

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

At approximately 6:40 p.m., the City Council went into closed session in Conference Room 1A/1B pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(1).

Mayor Buffaloe made a motion to immediately go into a closed meeting in Conference Room 1A/1B, Skala seconded at approximately 6:38 p.m.

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

II. ANY OTHER ITEM COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the closed meeting at approximately 6:53 p.m.