



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 13, 2022

5:00 PM

Work Session

REVISED LOCATION

Council Chambers

Columbia City Hall

701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Buffaloe mentioned that a Council member is unable to attend today's meeting. Mayor Buffaloe asked whether this member could attend via zoom or what the rules or process is regarding this, specifically voting at work sessions. City Councilor Nancy Thompson indicated it is not normal to vote at a work session and it would take an action by the council to waive the vote to do that. Thompson mentioned that it was indicated to the Council member it would take an action by the full Council to take a vote to waive the rule.

Council member Foster asked if this determination is by rule or ordinance. Thompson said by rule but the difficulty with these kinds of requests is normally for a vote to occur you're going to have an agenda item that's been published in advance. This is in order to have public awareness of that under the Sunshine Law, however if it is something the Council would like to address and modify the rules, they can certainly do so, however it is not advised as it isn't best practice.

Mayor Buffaloe asked if anyone would like to make a motion to allow zoom attendance for the June 13, 2022 work session only.

Voting Yes: Council Members Waner, Peters and Foster

Voting No: Council Members Skala, Pitzer and Buffaloe

Waner made a motion to allow zoom attendance for the June 13, 2022 work session only, Peters seconded; motion failed.

Present: 6 - Peters, Skala, Pitzer, Waner, Buffaloe, and Foster

Absent: 1 - Fowler

Water Rates Model Discussion

Finance Director, Matthew Lue presented the Council with a Water Rates Model presentation. The Finance department in conjunction with the Water and Light Department has put together this model. They looked at all of the different rates included in the rate structure. Assistant Finance Director, Jim McDonald said the presentation will show the Council the effects of or how the current rate is affecting our ability to potentially get bonds and solutions to that issue.

Lue indicated that the water department is in a critical position and it needs to be determined if bonds will be offered or not. If not, the water department couldn't potentially go negative.

The Finance team presented Council with two components to the model; Water rate comparison and 5-year water utility forecast model. They also talked about alternative scenarios and what the City recommends.

Council members and Staff discussed the presentation.

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

None.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.