City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 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 SKALA, THOMAS, RUFFIN and TRAPP were present. Council Members NAUSER, PETERS and TREECE were absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 5, 2016 was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin noted the December 19, 2016 meeting minutes were not yet complete.

Mr. Thomas asked that B341-16 and B342-16 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.
The agenda, including the consent agenda with B341-16 and B342-16 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Thomas.

II. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

III. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

IV. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC1-17 Martha Brownlee, RMF - Community policing: a critical opportunity.

Ms. Brownlee, 701 S. Greenwood Avenue, explained she was representing Race Matters, Friends, and congratulated Mike Hestir and his community outreach team on the COPS funding for four additional community policing officers. She commented that inequity was a subject no one wanted to discuss. She stated it was not equitable that the police officers they depended upon to protect and serve them were overworked, underpaid, and stretched to the breaking point. Incident policing was about efficiency, and policing should not be about assembly line efficiency. Their work was incredibly complex. It required not only dedication to fairness and law enforcement, but critical thinking and judgement to make potentially life and death decisions in an instance. Police work in a truly free society had to be about equity rather than efficiency. She noted she had been horrified by the number of well-to-do white teens in the Fifth Ward, drinking, drugging, and driving, and did not feel they would have equity in the form of collection of fine revenues unless police saturation levels in the Fifth Ward were equivalent to those in the First

Ward. Access to alternative sentencing court was another example of equity. She commented that when her friend's 20-something year old son had enough DWIs to go to court, the family had the financial resources for a private attorney who got him sentenced to drug court. When poor people and people of color did not have resources for private counsel, they went to prison instead of alternative court sentencing, and this perpetuated the inequity of the psycho of disenfranchisement on employment and continued poverty. She stated a City Council example of inequity was the Henderson Branch Sewer Extension project. Before her involvement with Race Matters, Friends, she trusted the city government would not allow initiatives that would not serve the greater public good to go forward. She had not understood wealthy interest groups lobbied for initiatives that stood to benefit them at the expense of taxpayers. She also had not understood that developers that made immediate profits from expensive apartments built in downtown Columbia paid virtually nothing for downtown infrastructure costs. She noted she was unaware the ballot initiative to require a mere 25 percent of infrastructure costs be paid by developers was blitzkrieged by the same special interest groups who intentionally mislead citizens indicating the initiative would cost them instead of saving tax dollars. She commented that continued use of the City's resources on a project that would benefit wealthy developers who would act against curtailing sprawl while the sewer infrastructure in the oldest parts of the community remained inadequate for those that already lived within the city limits was a classic perpetuation of inequity. She reiterated she believed policing was an equity issue. She stated she had begged the Columbia Police Department (CPD) to take the steps needed for them to organize on their behalf to get the needed funding to implement comprehensive city-wide community policing. She asked the Council and City Manager to formally request the CPD use the DOJ's national initiative for building community trust in justice as a model for changing police policy with transparent community input and to determine an estimated budget needed for full staffing so they could move forward with an equitable ballot initiative in which everyone won.

SPC2-17 Josie Sullivan - Public infrastructure issues.

Ms. Sullivan, 713 W. Ash, displayed photos of her house along with the stormwater issues she had been dealing with for nine years. She noted the crack in her house was an indicator of the flow of the stormwater and noted the street was higher than the sidewalk. The sidewalk was beginning to sink and lean toward her house. She explained she really did not have a curb because her curbs were 100 years old, and would really appreciate a new curb as had been put in on Anderson Avenue. She felt she was the areas stormwater detention site. She commented that a few years ago, the City had tried to lift her driveway, and they had been unable to get it high enough for the water to not crest over it. She showed a video of the water flowing off of Ash Street into her yard. She noted she had recently done $6,000 of improvements based upon the suggestion of the City, which was equivalent to half of her salary, and the issue was still not resolved. She had built her yard up and had purchased two loads of gravel for her driveway. She stated her property was the storm drain as the water all came into her yard, and noted she did not have these problems when she had purchased the house. She asked for a new sidewalk, a storm drain, and a curb.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin explained he was familiar with the issues, and following their conversation on December 1, he had shared her concerns with the City Manager. He understood the City was working to address her concerns.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

B349-16 Authorizing acceptance of a COPS Hiring Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to fund four (4) new police officer positions; amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget to add police officer positions in the Police Department - Operations Division; appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.
Chief Burton provided a staff report.
Mr. Skala commented that the Council had been in discussions as to how to advance the capacity of the Police Department since their attempt a couple of years ago had not been successful. He asked if they could anticipate additional funding in the future. He wondered if there was a plan to get to the fourth year. Mr. Matthes replied the reason they requested a grant for four officers instead of eight officers was due funding concerns. He thought they had a couple of ways to potentially fund this. He explained tonight the Council would authorize entering into the grant, and he believed they could potentially fund the positions without a ballot, but exactly how those would be funded had not been decided.
Mr. Trapp asked if there had been decisions as to how these officers would be used. Chief Burton replied they had indicated in the grant they would use them for community policing and a reduction in violence. They planned to add these four positions to the Community Outreach Unit (COU).
Mr. Trapp commented that a recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on Community Violence had been for a role of a reentry liaison with probation and parole and focused deterrence. Chief Burton replied that was happening regardless. He explained the deterrence program would start soon even without these four officers.
Mr. Thomas asked if the application had included information about the existing COU program and its expansion into the three neighborhoods. Chief Burton replied no, and noted that information had not been required as part of the grant application. He explained they essentially asked how the City intended to use the officers. He pointed out they had buzz words, which included community policing and deterrence to violence, so they indicated that was how the officers would be used. He believed this was instrumental in the City getting them.
Mr. Thomas thought this was good news as he believed the COU was effective and improving relationships. He was glad it would be expanded. He understood the Police Department had a lot of vacancies at the moment and asked for the number. Chief Burton replied ten, but noted they had hired seven officers of the past three weeks. Some had started the academy this week while a couple were already trained and only had to participate in the field training program. Mr. Thomas understood these four positions were limited to military veterans. Chief Burton replied they were not limited to military veterans, but they encouraged that preference. Mr. Thomas asked Chief Burton if he thought those would be hard to fill and if designating them as community policing positions would make them more attractive. Chief Burton replied it should, and noted he had already asked officers that had been in the military to let them know of people leaving the military. Mr. Thomas asked if it was fair to say the community policing work was more attractive than regular policing. Chief Burton replied it depended on the individual. He thought the officers in general liked doing community policing, but they also liked having the time to do it. He noted the officers tended to get frustrated with the number of calls that were holding and did not like having to tell people no or that it would be another hour. It was hard on the officers to be understaffed because they had to deal with the people that were angry. Mr. Thomas understood the goal was to have a program that was adequately staffed so every officer had some time dedicated to community and proactive policing. Chief Burton stated that was correct.

Mr. Skala understood Chief Burton had indicated that Columbia often was unable to take advantage of some of these opportunities because they had a better record in terms of crime prevention and crime solution than others. He noted they had their problems, but in some ways, they were in better shape than other communities. Chief Burton stated Columbia was an anomaly. They were a diverse community with a low crime rate currently. The communities they compared themselves to were struggling as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin commented that this was an opportunity to recruit a more diverse police force and asked if there were any requirements in the grant or a vision within the Police Department to seize this opportunity for more diversity. Chief Burton replied they were on the lookout for diverse applicants all of the time. It was not written into the grant, but something they would consider. He pointed out some officers they already had might take some of these positions as they would not want to put a brand new officer in this position. They would want the officer to have some experience. Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin asked how their diversity initiative had been with the seven that were recently hired. Chief Burton replied it was not good. They were not getting diverse applicants. He thought they needed to do something locally. They had discussed a Boys and Girls Chapter or having kids come to the new substation to interact with the police. They were looking to do things to let kids see officers as human beings. He noted he would love to hear ideas for better recruitment if anyone had them.

Tara Warne-Griggs commented that she thought it was unfortunate that they felt they could only ask for four officers. She stated there was quite a bit of human resources work that had been done on proactive recruitment, which she encouraged the Police Department to review. She understood they had been trying to work with Lincoln University, and thought things similar to that were good. She suggested reaching out to military recruiting offices to determine who might be coming home regionally and pitching Columbia as a good place to raise a family. She felt they needed to do more than wait for people to come to them. She understood the SARA model and problem-oriented policing had been mentioned and questioned its effectiveness. She noted that focusing on saturation points that were disparate across the community required them to stop a lot of people that had nothing to do with the situation in order to find one or two people that were the source of the problem. She felt that was a very inefficient way of catching criminals. She asked if they would be willing to have conversations about how they deployed those models in practice and how they might understand the effectiveness of those models. Chief Burton replied the SARA model was based on book by Herman Goldstein called *Problem-Oriented Policing* and it stood for scanning, analysis, response, and assessment. It did not require the use of enforcement. In fact, it emphasized non-traditional approaches to solving problems in the long term. He explained it entailed determining why policing as it had been done was not working. He commented that putting people in jail was not always the answer, and that was not what the SARA model was about at all.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp explained she was representing Race Matters, Friends, and noted the Mayor's Task Force on Community Violence report, which had been completed in November, 2014, had listed the repeat offenders. She understood they had a deterrence program and knew who the repeat offenders were, and did not know the reasoning for the saturation model. She commented that page 14 of the grant discussed data and problems, and she believed those items had been addressed in the Mayor's Task Force on Community Violence report. She stated they were still interested in the dashboard they had brought forth a few weeks ago so they could see how the City had progressed on meeting recommendations of the Task Force and for it to dovetail with some of the things they said they would do as a part of this grant. She commented that she would have liked to have known about this grant in advance to provide input because she believed community-oriented policing involved talking to the public about strategies and plans for policing in advance. She felt using community-oriented policing as a buzzword meant they were still not talking about the philosophy of community-oriented

policing. She stated they wanted the City to embrace a philosophy of community-oriented policing for the entire force, and not just three areas or some people. She suggested the Council read *Rethinking Community Policing* and noted it discussed deliberate democratic theory being the engine driving community policing, i.e. the public policy being driven by the public. She also suggested they read *Pulled Over: How Police Stops Define Race and Citizenship*, which she understood was being read by the Police Chief and his officers, and stated she would love for Charles Epp to come to town for a public conversation so they were all on the same page with regard to what they wanted from policing.

B349-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, RUFFIN, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, PETERS, TREECE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B350-16 Authorizing an agreement for transfer of real estate, establishment of funding account and provision for administrative services with Columbia Community Land Trust, Inc.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy and Mr. Cole provided a staff report.

Mr. Trapp understood the $40,000 from the CDBG reserve fund would eliminate the City requirement to provide financial security for the loans. Mr. Cole stated that was correct. He explained Providence Bank had originally wanted the City to guarantee the loan, and the deposit of the $10,000 per home removed that requirement so this would put them in a better position.

Mr. Thomas understood the City would provide staff support to the Community Land Trust for at least the first three years, and asked if that would pull him away from other work or if this was essentially the work he would do anyway. Mr. Cole replied it would certainly compete with other things he needed to get done, but he had managed it this past year and thought he could continue.

Mr. Thomas asked if it was feasible for the Land Trust to be able to staff itself after a certain number of years based on the other land trust models he had reviewed. Mr. Cole replied he thought it depended upon the number of homes they were able to incorporate into their portfolio instead of the number of years. He explained they had originally discussed City staff support for five years, and that might still be realistic, but thought they should reevaluate the situation in three years.

Dan Cullimore, 715 Lyon Street, commented that the Council had appointed him to the Columbia Community Land Trust Board last month, and thanked them for the opportunity. He explained he lived in an affordable house, and done so for the last 25 years. He stated buildings and homes needed a solid foundation, and building an affordable housing program also required a solid foundation. He thought the step the Council was taking tonight would do that for the Land Trust. He noted the Land Trust offered the City an opportunity to develop a sustainable program for financing affordable housing. It allowed the City to retain a certain degree of equity while allowing the purchasers of the homes to also develop equity and move some steps up the ladder into the middle class. He encouraged the Council to support this.

Mr. Trapp explained he had served on the steering committee for the community land trust and would serve as the Council liaison to the Community Land Trust Board. He noted they would have a busy first meeting to accept properties and adopt bylaws. They were moving forward very quickly, which was great because they would then have four homes in their portfolio. He pointed out the City had provided homeowner assistance for a long time through federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. It was a one shot and done deal in that they helped a family buy a home. If the family lived in the home for ten years, they could sell it and it might no longer be an affordable home as it could become a rental property or be moved into the market. The Community Land Trust would preserve the affordability for 200 years, and on average,

each of these homes would help a new family every seven years based on the average turnover rate. In addition to protecting the subsidy, the subsidy tended to grow as land values rose. The equity was split between the resident and the Land Trust. When they had a big enough portfolio, it would become another subsidy so they could bring another house into the program. The Land Trust being a non-profit would provide a vehicle for community-minded citizens who supported affordable housing to make donations of land or money to support efforts of addressing housing affordability, which was an increasingly big problem in Columbia, and there was nothing in the demographics indicating it would get any better unless they took strong proactive steps to address it. He commented that this was a small but critical piece that would build over time. He thought the Columbia of the future would be proud they made the decision to make an early investment now.

Mr. Thomas acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Trapp and Mr. Cole over a couple of years to get to this point. He thought this was a significant moment as it would start the creation of permanent affordability. He noted the housing first model of homelessness was contingent upon a series of stepping stones, and this was a critical stepping stone in that path of climbing out of poverty into affordable housing and market rate housing. With the Land Trust, the stepping stone stayed after one person moved forward. He stated he was excited to support this ordinance.

Mr. Skala believed the discussions had been thoughtful even though they had been rapid. He was glad this was rolling out as quickly as it was as he saw this as diversity for affordable housing alternatives. It was another tool for them to utilize. He noted it made sense as it built equity in two different ways as both the homeowner and the program would benefit. He believed it was a win-win situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin commented that those living in the Lynn Street area would experience the return of a sense of community pride and have a sense of security and safety. He felt this would have long-ranging generational benefits that would inevitably impact many areas other than housing. It would promote social equity and restore a sense of hope to the community.

B350-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, RUFFIN, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, PETERS, TREECE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B341-16 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish one-way direction for the alley between Eighth Street and College Avenue.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mr. Thomas understood one of the reasons for this was so they did not have southbound traffic on College Avenue slowing down and turning right into the alley because the operating speeds on College Avenue were higher than would be considered safe. He asked what a suitable operating speed would be to allow a turn like that into a narrow alley. Mr. Nichols replied he would recommend 10-15 mph as the speed to make the turn. Those types of turns created rear-end collision opportunities if someone was not anticipating the turn. Mr. Thomas understood this was a particularly sharp turn into an alley. It was not a general situation for every alley/road intersection. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct.

B341-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, RUFFIN, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, PETERS, TREECE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B342-16 Authorizing a right of use license permit with Room 38 for the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of fencing and an awning in a portion of the right-of-way located on the south side of Walnut Street.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.
Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.
Mr. Thomas understood this ordinance would authorize the City to do the work and be reimbursed by the private business owner. Mr. Nichols stated that was not correct. He explained the agreement authorized in June included the expansion of the sidewalk as part of the Avenue of the Columns project. The work was done by the Avenue of the Columns project contractor and payment for the work was reimbursed to the City. This agreement would allow the property owner to place items in the right-of-way. This right of use permit would allow Room 38 to use the space for the awning and the different amenities. Mr. Thomas understood the space was currently being used for parking. Mr. Nichols stated that was not correct as the sidewalk had been bumped out to wrap around the corner for the wider sidewalk. Mr. Thomas noted a parking space had been lost. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct. Mr. Thomas asked if that was at the request of the property owner. Mr. Nichols replied yes, and noted that was in the agreement Council had authorized in June. Mr. Thomas asked if the property owner was paying for future parking revenue or if they had the right to make the request since they were the abutting property owner. Mr. Nichols replied that was addressed in the approval in June, and this was considered a pilot expansion of the Avenue of the Columns theme.
Mr. Thomas stated he liked the work done at that corner. He noted he had walked around the area, and thought the new traffic calming system was working well there. Mr. Nichols explained they had some sensitivity issues in the technology picking up pedestrians, but they were able to adjust it. He thought it was now working better. Mr. Thomas believed it would look really nice aesthetically once all of the work was done.
Mr. Trapp commented that the bulb-out had really narrowed the pedestrian walk across and it had allowed them to eliminate a light. He had not seen any safety issues. He noted he found that intersection easier to navigate now than previously. It was also more attractive. He stated he felt this fit in with their plans for downtown in terms of more outside seating options. As they created more outdoor patios, he hoped everyone was aware the smoking ordinance would apply. He thought they needed to continue to be vigilant about it. He felt this agreement made sense and noted it protected the City's long term interest while allowing a service that added to the vitality of downtown.
Mr. Skala thought there had been an exception to the smoking ordinance for outdoor areas, but understood that might conflict with the distance from the entrances. He reiterated he thought there was a patio exception as long as people did not have to travel through the smoking section. Ms. Thompson stated there was a distance requirement from the door and a minimum amount of seating requirement. She noted this was in the public right-of-way. Since the property owner was making significant improvements in the public right-of-way with no compensation to the public, the Council could place conditions on how people occupied the right-of-way. She noted this was different than a sidewalk café as it had more improvements than a typical sidewalk café.

B342-16 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, RUFFIN, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, PETERS, TREECE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

B339-16 Approving the Final Plat of Mataora Subdivision - Plat 3, a Replat of Lot 15 of Mataora Subdivision Plat 1 and Lots 22 & 23 of Mataora Subdivision Plat 2, located on the southwest corner of Hector Place and Ria Street; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 15-224).

B340-16 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit through truck traffic along Prairie Lane and Prairieview Drive.

B343-16 Authorizing the filing of applications for public transit planning, operating and capital assistance grants with the Federal Transit Administration.

B344-16 Appropriating funds to finalize and close out the pavement construction project along Broadway, between Providence Road and Hitt Street.

B345-16 Authorizing a first addendum to agreement for professional engineering services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for the More's Lake remediation and site restoration project at the Municipal Power Plant.

B346-16 Appropriating funds received from donations and miscellaneous revenue to the Parks and Recreation Department.

B347-16 Appropriating funds from the 2016 Celebration for the Arts event.

B348-16 Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Fire Department; amending the FY 2017 Classification and Pay Plan by adding a classification.

R1-17 Authorizing and ratifying an agreement with VSP® to continue employee vision insurance services in 2017.

R2-17 Approving the Preliminary Plat of 763 Industrial Park located on the east side of Highway 763 and the east terminus of Harvester Road, approximately 700 feet south of Prathersville Road (Case No. 17-14).

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

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.

B1-17 Calling the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 to elect council members for Wards 1 and 5.

B2-17 Authorizing a first amendment to agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for physician services.

B3-17 Rezoning property located north of Stadium Boulevard and east of Cinnamon Hill Lane from District A-1 to District PUD-10; approving the statement of intent; approving the PUD Plan of Kelly Farms; granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations relating to sidewalk construction; approving less stringent parking requirements (Case No. 17-1).

B4-17 Approving the Final Plat of Mattingley Subdivision Plat 1 located northwest of the intersection of Wren Wood Drive and Ballenger Lane (4703 and 4705 Wren Wood Drive); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 16-158).

B5-17 Approving the Final Plat of Windsor Place, Plat No. 1, a Replat of Lots 21-24, Stephens Addition to the Town of Columbia, located on the north side of Windsor Street, between Ripley Street and William Street; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 17-22).

B6-17 Granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations relating to construction of a sidewalk along a portion of the east side of Sanford Avenue (310 Sanford Avenue) (Case No. 17-13).

B7-17 Accepting conveyances for utility, sewer, drainage and temporary construction purposes.

B8-17 Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Finance Department; amending the FY 2017 Classification and Pay Plan by adding a classification.

B9-17 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Columbia Public Schools, Boone County Sheriff's Department and the 13th Judicial Circuit Court - Juvenile Division to establish a cooperative relationship for managing school-related delinquent acts by juveniles.

X. REPORTS

REP1-17 Intra Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

Mr. Matthes noted this had been provided for informational purposes.

XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Mr. Thomas asked that the City Clerk put information about being a candidate for the City Council on the website. He explained he had been approached by a couple of people that were interested in running for either the First or the Fifth Ward and had wanted to point them to the different documents they would need to complete. He noted he had discussed this with Ms. Amin and wanted to make that a formal request. He thought it should indicate they should contact Ms. Amin to obtain a packet at the very least.

Mr. Thomas asked that the Board of Health look at the licensing of cats. He understood there was an ordinance requiring cats to be licensed, but only about two percent were actually licensed. He noted this requirement was a little better for dogs at about ten percent. He wanted the Board of Health to look into the requirement to license a cat, and if they continued to require licenses for cats, whether that should be a requirement to qualify for in-home impoundment when there was a report of a cat biting someone and the cat had met all of the actual health requirements. He did not feel the licensing made any difference in terms of safety. He also understood cats could not roam in the community as it was an offense, and asked that the Board of Health review that issue as well.

Mr. Thomas asked that staff reach out to the Columbia Public Schools (CPS) to discuss a memorandum of agreement so that patrons of the ARC could park their cars at the School District Office on Saturday mornings when there was sometimes extra pressure on parking due to the Farmers Market. He understood CPS rarely used that parking lot on building on Saturdays. If that agreement could be reached, he suggested it be advertised at the ARC and within city communications along with a sign at the site for overflow ARC parking.

Mr. Thomas noted he and Mr. Trapp would attend the Smart Growth Conference in St. Louis next month. He encouraged other council members, staff, and Planning and Zoning Commission members to consider attending. He stated it was an excellent conference from which they brought back many ideas to include the STAR Communities program. Mr. Trapp noted the parklet idea had come from the Smart Growth Conference.

Mr. Skala stated he had recently received a complaint about the Orr Street dumpster and the capacity of the alley. The email he had received had indicated the alley was unable to carry the weight of the garbage trucks, and that dumpster was in front of a main door, which blocked access to the power transformer. He asked staff to look into the situation.

Mr. Skala understood the licensing as a part of the in-home impoundment regime had been established in 2010. He noted the two things licensing offered pet owners were the return of the pet if it got away and avoiding impoundment should there be a bite. He believed it was a good idea to refer the issue to the Board of Health.

Mr. Skala stated he planned to attend the Smart Growth Conference as well, and noted it would his eighth Smart Growth meeting. When it had been held in Kansas City, a lot of the staff had been able to attend, which was nice. He believed the benefit was felt throughout the community.

Mr. Trapp agreed the Smart Growth Conference was a great event and recommended it to

anyone that could participate.

Mr. Trapp appreciated the fact Mr. Matthes and Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin were already working on potential solutions for Josie Sullivan, who spoke earlier. He understood some of the facts of the matter were at dispute and felt they ran into a lot of those situations throughout the community when they had not built wisely in terms of stormwater. He thought it might take generations to resolve some of these problems. He understood there were likely situations that were not the responsibility of the City, but with City infrastructure nearby. He noted they had discussed a possibility of a cost sharing program where it might not be the responsibility of the City, but would still be in everyone's interest for the issue to be addressed. He asked staff to look into the possibility of a program such as that.

Ms. Thompson commented that one could not smoke within 20 feet of the entrance door to an establishment that was non-smoking. In addition, not more than 50 percent of an outdoor patio could be designated as a smoking area, and it had to be at least 20 feet from an open door. In addition, any smoking area could not be designated as a smoking area if non-smokers were required pass through it to get to the door. Mr. Matthes noted this effectively ruled out smoking on sidewalk cafes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Ruffin adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:17 p.m.