

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**  
**APRIL 14, 2008**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a special session at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 14, 2008, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, SKALA and NAUSER were present. Council Members WADE and HOPPE were absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hindman explained Mr. Wade and Ms. Hoppe were not present as both had mothers that were 93 years old with health issues and they were required to tend to those issues. Both sent their regrets for not being able to be present. They stated they appreciated the service of Ms. Crayton and enjoyed serving with her. They also welcomed the new member.

**(A) Comments of Ms. Crayton, Outgoing First Ward Council Member**

Ms. Crayton stated she had enjoyed her service on the Council for the last nine years. She noted there were things she did not know, but learned as she went along. She thanked Mr. Janku for ensuring she always had a ride home after the meetings as she used to walk. She commented that she was a single mother, yet she attended the meetings faithfully. She thanked staff for being open, accommodating and making her feel welcome. She also thanked the residents of the First Ward for giving her a chance to speak. She commented that she stood up in this community as a poor woman and took care of what she was supposed to for nine years. She noted Columbia was the only Mid-Missouri community that had a drug march every year. She made sure the people who did not have a voice had a voice in this Chamber and would continue to have a voice. She stated she not only served the First Ward, but Columbia as a whole. When she went out of town, she was representing Columbia. She commented that many people knew where 212 Lincoln Drive was because they reached out during Thanksgiving and Christmas. No one should have to go without in Columbia. She thanked everyone for allowing her to do things many would never have the chance to do. The ability to help others made her good for the past nine years. She wanted the kids in the neighborhood to know it was not where one was born that made them someone. It was the fact they stood up against wrong. She thanked everyone for allowing her to do just that. She also thanked Mr. Beck for having the patience in teaching her what she did not know.

Mayor Hindman stated the Council had enjoyed working with her and believed she had contributed a tremendous amount.

**(B) Presentation to Outgoing Council Member Crayton**

Ms. Crayton joined Mayor Hindman and Mr. Watkins at the podium. Mayor Hindman presented Ms. Crayton with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing her years of service on the Council, a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in her honor in the park of her choice, a silver tray for her service as Mayor Pro-tem and her nameplate.

Mr. Watkins presented Ms. Crayton with a glass tile with the City logo and a gift from City staff. He thanked Ms. Crayton for almost a decade of service to the City Council and noted she was the first African-American woman to have a seat on the Council.

**(C) Oath of Office – Council Members Sturtz and Nauser**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Sturtz and Nauser. Mayor Hindman presented Council Members Sturtz and Nauser with framed Commissions of Office. Everyone then took their places at the Council table.

**(D) Comments by Council Member Sturtz**

Mr. Sturtz stated he was surrounded by family, friends, neighbors and others that had helped him. He recognized Sheila Johnson, his oldest friend in the room, and noted she came with him thirteen years ago from Portland, Oregon. She had been a great friend as well as the mother of his son, Zola Sturtz, who was now fifteen years old. He also introduced his door-to-door coach, James Watts, who questioned whether he would make a good Council Member and then helped him refine his door-to-door campaigning technique over time. He acknowledged Ms. Crayton, who he noted was a wonderful person to get to know over the last few months. She was a very warm and gracious person and he admired her a lot. He commented that he felt the weight and honor of following in her footsteps. He stated it was an honor to be here and he was excited about the future and the carving out of a future they could pass on to their children and grandchildren. He noted he was ready to work.

**(E) Comments by Council Member Nauser**

Ms. Nauser thanked her constituents for giving her the privilege and honor of serving for another three years. She ran unopposed and hoped that was a sign they approved of what she had done over the last three years. She also hoped to continue to garner their support and praise. She stated she would continue to work hard in promoting the things that were important to the City of Columbia. She thanked her family for their support as they had put up with a lot of long hours and her absence from many family get-togethers. She stated she was looking forward to another term and welcomed Mr. Sturtz to the Council.

**(F) Comments by the City Manager**

Mr. Watkins welcomed Mr. Sturtz to the Council and looked forward to working with him. He also congratulated Ms. Nauser on her re-election and noted it was a pleasure to work with her. He acknowledged and introduced City staff and pointed out they all held strong public service values, which were critical in running an efficient and effective City

government. He thanked his wife, Kathy, who kept him grounded and focused on the things that were truly important.

**(G) Election of Mayor Pro-tem**

Mayor Hindman made the motion that Mr. Janku be appointed Mayor Pro-tem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(H) Appointment of Council Committees by Mayor**

Mayor Hindman made appointments to the following committee:

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Paul Sturtz

Karl Skala

Jerry Wade

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin

City Clerk