CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
JUNE 1, 2015

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015, 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 MDAAVID, RUFIN, SKALA, NAUSER and PETERS were present. Council Members TRAPP and THOMAS were absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk, and various Department Heads and staff members were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2015 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Ms. Nauser and a second by Mr. Skala

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Skala asked that B119-15 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

Upon her request, Mayor McDavid made a motion to allow Ms. Nauser to abstain from voting on R87-15 due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Nauser noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that her family business was involved in alcohol sales. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Ruffin asked that R97-15 be moved from the consent agenda to new business.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B119-15 being moved to old business and R97-15 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Ms. Nauser.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following individuals were appointed by Mayor McDavid to the Mayor’s Task Force on Pedestrian Safety.

MAYOR’S TASK FORCE ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

James Beattie, 1511 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City (business address), Ward 5
Marin Blevins, 508 Smoky Mountain Court, Ward 4
Nate Brown, 3601 W. Broadway #27-201, Ward 1
Tec Chapman, 1401 Hathman Place (business address), Ward 4
Syed Ejaz, 3312 Crabapple Lane, Ward 5
Katie Essing, 11 S. Tenth Street (business address), Ward 4
Steven Hanson, 2904 Lynnwood Drive, Ward 5
Leeann Johnson, 1 Hospital Drive (business address), Ward 4
Kyle Riley, 117 Lynn Street, Ward 1
Mayor McDavid also noted Mr. Ruffin and Mr. Thomas would be co-chairs of the Task Force.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Winkel and/or Carolyn Mathews – Local impacts of TPP, Classified Trade Deal, signatures to request a will of Council action in Monday’s June 1, 2015 Council Meeting.

Ms. Mathews stated she was a member of People’s Visioning, provided a handout, and explained she believed the fast track of trade bills, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), would impact the citizens of Columbia. The leaked documents had indicated a potential for lawsuits against the City in terms of renewable energy standards and the smoking ban. It could also affect small farmers due to allowable farming methods, which in turn would affect the food supply, and the public would not have any recourse if water, food, or the soil were damaged. She commented that corporations had written the trade agreements and were challenging local, state, regional, and national regulations. She understood corporations could act as a nation and sue other entities for hindering presumed profits, and that label laws, such as “Buy American” could be challenged. She noted net-neutrality internet access could be impacted as well creating a situation where public schools, universities, governments, etc. would have to pay more for unequal access to internet service. She stated the TPP was the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on steroids as it was much stronger, so more jobs would be outsourced to the cheapest labor with no human, environmental, or other standards. She asked the Council to take action.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(A) Construction of traffic calming speed tables along a portion of College Park Drive, between Stadium Boulevard and Russell Boulevard.

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala asked if this pre-dated the traffic calming projects discussed to potentially be funded with the capital improvement sales tax. Mr. Nichols replied yes, and noted this had already been in the works as interested parties meetings had been held earlier in the year. Mr. Skala understood the funding for this project was within the existing budget. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

Mr. Skala made a motion directing staff to proceed with construction of the College Park Drive traffic calming project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ruffin and approved unanimously by voice vote.
(B) Design and construction of a stormwater quality feature, construction of a sidewalk along a portion of the south side of Nifong Boulevard between the proposed Aurora Drive and Bethel Road, construction of sidewalks along both sides of the proposed Aurora Drive, and the design of a new east-west connector roadway from Peach Tree Drive to the proposed Aurora Drive.

Item B was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid asked how much the developer would pay for the streets. Mr. Nichols replied he did not know. Ms. Nauser asked if the developer was paying for all of the road improvements, to include the two round-a-abouts. Mr. Nichols replied yes. Ms. Nauser wondered if that was the reason the City had agreed to construct the sidewalks.

Mr. Skala understood the initial cost estimate was $800,000. Mr. Nichols clarified that was for the stormwater basin. Mr. Skala understood the cost would now be much less even though there was not a true cost estimate. Mr. Nichols explained the engineering had not yet completed so they could not provide a good cost estimate at this time, but he thought it would be about half of that cost. He noted it would no longer involve as much dirt movement due to the rock shelf that was found.

Ms. Nauser asked about the sidewalk plan. She understood sidewalks would be placed along Aurora Drive, but wondered if there were plans for sidewalks along Peach Tree Drive. Mr. Nichols replied not as part of this project. Ms. Nauser asked if there would be sidewalks along the round-a-bouts. Mr. Nichols replied yes. Mayor McDavid understood the developer would pay for those sidewalks. Mr. Nichols explained the City would pay for the sidewalks and the developer was building the road. Ms. Nauser understood there were no plans to extend the sidewalk to Peach Tree Drive toward Nifong Boulevard. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct.

Ms. Peters asked for clarification regarding the east-west connector street. Mr. Nichols replied it had not yet been named, and would be between the two round-a-bouts.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

Kurt Mirtsching stated he was representing Shakespeare’s Pizza and understood the Council would choose between the three concepts that had been presented to the public. Mr. Nichols stated that was correct and explained the staff was recommending Option 1. Mr. Mirtsching commented that he wanted to encourage the Council to move forward with that concept. He noted the other two concepts would involve the purchase of an easement from property owned by Shakespeare’s Pizza, which would reduce the size of the lot and impact the ability to construct a building there. He stated he was also in favor of Option 1 because traffic calming was needed on Peach Tree Drive, and that concept would best address traffic calming while continuing to move traffic.

There being no further comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

Ms. Nauser commented that she believed this project was needed as high school traffic made the roadway treacherous at times. In addition, the increase in traffic volumes on Nifong Boulevard was making it more dangerous. She asked if there would be limited access off of Peach Tree Drive once the traffic signal was installed at Aurora Drive. Mr. Nichols replied it had not yet been studied, but noted he thought people would travel to the signal if
they wanted to go west. Ms. Nauser explained that was a very dangerous area with pedestrians and vehicles trying to turn left. She stated she fully supported this project and thanked staff for listening to the concerns of the public.

Mr. Skala explained he was sympathetic to not taking right-of-way if there were better solutions, and agreed with Mr. Mirtsching with regard to his comments regarding traffic flow in terms of the round-a-bouts. He stated he was supportive of this project.

Ms. Nauser made a motion directing staff to proceed with plans and specifications for the Peach Tree Connector and Water Quality Feature project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(C) Realignment and reconstruction of a portion of Rangeline Road as it relates to Runway 13/31 improvements and relocation of the Runway Safety Area at the Columbia Regional Airport.

B125-15 Authorizing the realignment and reconstruction of a portion of Rangeline Road as it relates to Runway 13/31 improvements and the relocation of the Runway Safety Area at the Columbia Regional Airport; appropriating funds.

Item C was read by the Clerk and B125-15 was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala asked about the lifetime expectancy of this project. Mr. Glascock replied it was uncertain because staff did not know if the rules would be changed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and explained one of the reasons this project was necessary was because the crossing was not at today’s standards. He noted they were looking through a hanger at the midpoint, and they were moving the midpoint so that no longer happened. Mr. Skala understood it was anticipated the midpoint extension would not need to be adjusted for many years. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct.

Ms. Nauser asked when the extensions would be completed. Mr. Glascock replied they would start this year, and noted he thought the roadway would be completed this year as well.

Mayor McDavid understood the Crosswind runway would be 6,500 feet. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct. It was 5,500 feet currently and would be extended to the east about 1,000 feet. Mayor McDavid understood it would be the same length as the current main runway.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

B125-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, RUFFIN, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: TRAPP, THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

B119-15 Changing the uses allowed on O-P zoned property located on the north side of Walnut Street and east of Calvin Drive (2311 E. Walnut Street); approving a revised statement of intent.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.
Mr. Skala commented that he wanted to ensure the addition of this use did not impact the other protections that had been placed in the ordinance when this property had been rezoned as there were traffic issues in the area that needed to be considered. Mr. Teddy explained the current ordinance allowed private schools with a curriculum equivalent to that of a public elementary or high school and institutions of higher learning including gymnasiums, stadiums, and dormitories if located on campus, and staff felt the age range of this use was outside of that for a public elementary school. Mr. Skala stated he did not have an issue with adding this use. He just wanted to ensure the ordinance itself would not be changed. Mr. Teddy stated the ordinance would not be changed. Mr. Skala understood this single use would be the only addition. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. Ms. Thompson pointed out a category of uses would be added, and not just for this one particular use. The category of uses that would be added was family daycare homes, daycare centers, pre-school centers, nursery schools, child play centers, child education centers, child experiment stations, or child development institutions. Mr. Skala understood what had been established in 2009 would not be changed beyond adding this category. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct.

Elizabeth Christianson noted she was the Director of the Language Tree Immersion School and explained they taught children, ages two through six, French and Spanish for three hours at a time. She understood traffic was a concern, and pointed out the maximum number of cars dropping off or picking up children at the school would be fifteen, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She did not feel that was a large enough impact to be a detriment to the surrounding neighborhood. She asked the Council to vote in favor of this proposed ordinance.

Ms. Peters understood this ordinance would change the uses allowed on O-P zoned property, approve a revised statement of intent, and repeal all conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances, and asked for clarification on what they would repeal. Ms. Thompson replied the Council would repeal the prior statement of intent. The statement of intent associated with this ordinance would replace the statement of intent associated with the previous ordinance. She understood the difference between the two statements of intent was the addition of the category of family daycare homes, daycare centers, pre-school centers, nursery schools, child play centers, child education centers, child experiment stations, or child development institutions. Ms. Peters understood that meant fire stations or other uses would not be allowed. Ms. Thompson pointed out public police and fire stations were allowed under the current statement of intent, and it was not a new addition to the statement of intent since that use was in the prior statement of intent. She explained the developer created a list of acceptable uses with the planned development, and the property could be utilized for anything those fell within that use categories. She noted it was not a one-time single conditional use granted for that specific use. Anything that fell within the category of uses was allowable for the planned development.

Mr. Skala understood nothing had changed except for the addition of the one use category. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. Ms. Thompson pointed out it could be broader than what had been described by the applicant because it was not specific to that particular
user. The Council needed to consider whether they felt the type of use being added was appropriate for a planned development at this location.

B119-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, RUFFIN, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: TRAPP, THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B129-15 Appropriating funds for Water and Light Department Home Performance with Energy Star and photovoltaic rebate programs.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid stated he assumed the rebate for solar power was included under the three percent cap. Mr. Johnsen explained it was included as a cost. The renewable energy portfolio had a photovoltaic column in it, which was small at this time. Mayor McDavid understood it could grow dramatically. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct. Mayor McDavid understood this was incorporated in the amount of money that went toward the cap. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct. He explained the current plan had been vetted through the Water and Light Advisory Board and a consultant that had taken into account all of the resources involved.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, commented that she was speaking on behalf of People’s Visioning and the Columbia Climate Change Coalition, and stated her appreciation for the work to move towards more renewable energy. She thanked the City and hoped it would continue.

Mr. Skala stated he would do what he could to encourage the aggressive use of renewable energy within the context of the cap that had been established. He noted he would even be in favor of bringing that issue back for consideration. He thought this was money well spent and believed the diversification of the utility was positive.

B129-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, RUFFIN, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: TRAPP, THOMAS. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

B116-15 Changing the uses allowed on C-P zoned property located on the southeast corner of Ponderosa Road and Nocona Parkway; approving a revised statement of intent; approving the C-P Plan for Discovery Park Lots 301, 302 & 303.

B117-15 Approving the Final Plat of Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 3 located on the southeast corner of Ponderosa Road and Nocona Parkway; authorizing a performance contract.

B118-15 Approving the Final Plat of Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 3A located on the southeast corner of Ponderosa Road and Nocona Parkway; authorizing a performance contract.
B120-15 Approving the C-P Plan for Lot 4A of Red Oak South, Plat No. 1-A located
on the south side of Grindstone Parkway, approximately 200 feet east of
Norfleet Drive.

B121-15 Approving the Final Plat of Valley View Point located on the southeast
corner of Sunflower Street and Stadium Boulevard; authorizing a
performance contract.

B122-15 Approving the Final Plat of Cobblestone Cottages located on the
southeast corner of Route K and Old Plank Road; authorizing a
performance contract.

B123-15 Authorizing a performance contract with Fred Overton Development, Inc.
in connection with the Final Plat of Creek Ridge, Plat 1 located on the
south side of Old Plank Road and west of Bethel Church Road.

B124-15 Authorizing construction of pavement improvements along Broadway,
between Providence Road and Hitt Street, including the reconstruction of
some curb ramps to meet ADA requirements; calling for bids through the
Purchasing Division.

B126-15 Authorizing a pedestrian trail license agreement with the Missouri
Highways and Transportation Commission for the Hominy Creek Trail
connection under I-70 and I-70 Drive SE.

B127-15 Authorizing an agreement for donation of real estate with Red Oak
Investment Company for property located along Grindstone Parkway and
east of Green Meadows Road.

B128-15 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant of easement for drainage
purposes with Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, relating to
the Maguire Road extension project.

B130-15 Accepting a conveyance for underground electric utility purposes.

B131-15 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the Columbia School
District relating to the use of a portion of Lange School property located
at 2201 East Smiley Lane for park purposes.

B132-15 Accepting a grant from the Youth Community Coalition (YC2) to be used
by the Police Department for enforcement activities for underage alcohol
use; appropriating funds.

B133-15 Amending Chapter 12 of the City Code as it relates to term limits for
Human Rights Commission members.

B134-15 Amending Chapter 21 of the City Code as it relates to term limits for
Citizens Police Review Board members.

B135-15 Declaring the results of the election held in the City of Columbia, Missouri
on April 7, 2015 relating to the issuance of Water and Electric System
Revenue Bonds.

R86-15 Setting a public hearing: construction of a laboratory facility at the
Municipal Power Plant for water quality testing.

R87-15 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of
the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic
beverages for a Ninth Street SummerFest concert.

R88-15 Authorizing a modification of agreement with the National Association of
County and City Health Officials for the Medical Reserve Corps program.
R89-15 Authorizing an agreement with VaxCare Corporation for the provision of adult and pediatric vaccines and claims processing and patient billing services.

R90-15 Authorizing an agreement with Ultramax Sports for sports development funding under the Tourism Development Program for the 2015 Go Girl Run.

R91-15 Authorizing execution of a temporary construction easement agreement with The Islamic Center of Central Missouri, Inc. for property located along the eastern edge of Flat Branch Park.

R92-15 Transferring funds to recover costs associated with the formation of the Business Loop Community Improvement District.

R93-15 Transferring funds for City-owned stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) landscape maintenance.

R94-15 Transferring funds to the Community Development, Parks and Recreation and Water and Light Departments for FY 2015 snow removal services.

R95-15 Authorizing a software license agreement with Open Systems International, Inc. as part of the Energy Management System implementation.

R96-15 Authorizing a First Amendment to Parking Services Agreement with Parkmobile USA, Inc. to allow for the activation and payment of parking transactions using mobile technology.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, RUFFIN, SKALA, NAUSER (except for R87-15 on which she abstained), PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: TRAPP, THOMAS. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

R97-15 Authorizing a bus advertising services agreement with Transit Advertising, Inc.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked how much of the bus windows could be covered under the current contract. Mr. Glascock replied all of the window could be covered now. Those riding on the bus could see through the windows, but people on the outside could not see into the windows. He explained some people felt it did not look like a city bus, so they wanted to rectify that problem.

Mr. Skala asked if the money generated for advertising went into the operating budget for the transit system. Mr. Glascock replied yes.

Mayor McDavid understood the City received $183,000 last year in advertising revenues, and it represented about three percent of the transit budget. Mr. Glascock pointed out the City received 60 percent of it. Mayor McDavid noted it was a small part of the budget. Mr. Glascock stated they needed every dollar. Mayor McDavid understood.

Ms. Nauser commented that she did not believe they should allow advertising at the bus shelters if they did not allow it on the buses. She pointed out this revenue had made a
tremendous impact in keeping the buses operating during the recession when the fuel prices had soared, and noted she did not feel the advertising was too intrusive.

Mayor McDavid asked if the City had any oversight with regard to the ads on the buses. Mr. Glascock replied the contract reflected what was allowed. Mayor McDavid understood the City has some control over something that was outrageous. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct.

Mr. Ruffin commented that he had asked for this to be removed from the consent agenda because he did not know how they had come to an agreement to allow the buses to be completely wrapped. He wondered if a modified version of this proposal would be worth considering, and suggested the potential of not covering more than 50 percent of the windows and to limit this for a year while they explored alternative funding sources. He also suggested they continue to allow advertising inside the buses, but to cover less of the outside of the buses with ads so they could better market the transit system with a consistent and recognizable look. He noted he did not want to be locked into the agreement for five years when there might be other options. Mr. Glascock stated he believed the City could get out of the contract within 60 days, so if there was something the Council wanted to change, which was not acceptable to the company, he thought they could end the contract. He pointed out the company had been accommodating when the issue of the full wraps had been discussed and had limited any new ones to 50 percent. He thought the City could work with the company if something came up in the future.

Mr. Skala stated he had a bit of an aesthetic issue with advertising on the buses, but thought the $183,000 was likely worth it since they already had to subsidize transit. He noted he was also more comfortable knowing the City had an escape clause if the company was not willing to work with them in the future. He suggested some of the revenues from advertising be dedicated to bus shelters since they were needed, and they could then decide if they would allow advertising on those bus shelters. He thought providing tangible protection might encourage people to appreciate the advertising on the buses.

Mayor McDavid commented that he would vote in favor of this resolution even though he did not like the ads on the buses. He noted the City had beautifully designed buses that were iconic without the ads, but understood they did not have the money to operate the transit system without this revenue. He stated it was unfortunately a necessary evil.

The vote on R97-15 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, RUFFIN, SKALA, NAUSER, PETERS. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: TRAPP, THOMAS. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

The following bills were introduced by the Mayor unless otherwise indicated, and all were given first reading.

B136-15 Approving the Final Plat of Barcus Ridge, Plat No. 1 located on the south side of Route K and west of Sinclair Road; authorizing a performance contract.

B137-15 Vacating an unused sanitary sewer easement within Veterans Campus located at 2112 E. Business Loop.
B138-15 Authorizing construction of the Avenue of the Columns streetscape project along Eighth Street, between Walnut Street and Cherry Street; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B139-15 Authorizing construction of storm drainage improvements at the intersection of Hitt Street and Elm Street; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B140-15 Authorizing construction of improvements to the intersection of Worley Street and Clinkscales Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B141-15 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of improvements to the intersection of Worley Street and Clinkscales Road.

B142-15 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Upper Merideth Branch Streambank Stabilization Sewer Project.

B143-15 Amending Ordinance No. 021999 as it relates to the acquisition of easements for construction of sanitary sewers in Sewer District No. 170 (S. Bethel Church Road/E. Poplar Hill Drive); authorizing the acquisition of a revised permanent sewer easement for the property owned by LAHF Investments, LLC.

B144-15 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to downtown parking zones.

B145-15 Authorizing a right of use permit with Bluebird Network, LLC for the installation, operation and maintenance of fiber optic telecommunications cable within City rights-of-way.

B146-15 Authorizing a contract with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri for replacement of a waterline along Scott Boulevard as part of the Scott Boulevard Phase 3 roadway improvement project.

B147-15 Authorizing construction of a laboratory facility at the Municipal Power Plant for water quality testing; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B148-15 Authorizing an agreement with Charter Fiberlink-Missouri, LLC for the use of the Water and Light Department’s fiber optic cable system.

B149-15 Authorizing a capacity purchase and sale agreement with Dynegy Marketing and Trade, LLC for electric system planning capacity.

B150-15 Authorizing a software support services agreement with Open Systems International, Inc. as part of the Energy Management System implementation.

B151-15 Accepting a conveyance for utility purposes.

B152-15 Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of Osher Lifelong Learning Program, for the use of the Hillcrest Community Center and Moss Building on the Waters-Moss property for Parks and Recreation Department activities.

B153-15 Authorizing a fire service cooperative agreement with the Boone County Fire Protection District.

B154-15 Amending the FY 2015 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Finance Department – Administration Division; amending the FY 2015 Classification and Pay Plan; appropriating funds.
Amending the FY 2015 Annual Budget by deleting and adding positions in the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for WIC local agency nutrition services; appropriating funds.

Authorizing a specifics of rotation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its School of Medicine, to provide infectious disease medical fellows and supervising faculty members educational experience in STD clinical services.

Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2015 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me STATE GAMES.

Authorizing a settlement agreement with the Missouri Attorney General’s Office and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to compliance issues at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS


Mayor McDavid understood community improvement districts were set up by property owners, who taxed themselves and their customers, and the City did not have any authority over their budget. Ms. Thompson noted the Council could comment on the CID budget if they felt it necessary, but they did not have much authority beyond that. Mayor McDavid understood the Council had the authority for appointing the board members for this community improvement district (CID). Ms. Thompson stated that was correct. Mayor McDavid pointed out the City did not have authority with a transportation development district (TDD).

Mr. Skala commented that he was generally in favor of the idea of a CID, and wished some of the funds collected would be used for infrastructure as well.

REP64-15  “SavingEnergy2Win” Contest.

Ms. Buffaloe provided a staff report.

REP65-15  Creasy Springs Road.

Mayor McDavid suggested the Council drive this road if they were unfamiliar with it. He noted he would describe it as a narrow, two lane country road without any shoulders. It had some straight stretches, which was deceiving since it also had abrupt turns on it. He commented that it was a 35 mph road and the bad corner had a sign with an arrow indicating 20 mph. He described the turn as approaching a ravine with a hill on the other side, and believed it could be straightened through a substantial engineering feat. He pointed out the City had $192 million in street and sidewalk projects that needed to be funded. He commented that he was willing to listen to ideas, but felt it would be a real challenge to straighten this road.

Mr. Skala understood these accidents and tragedies were likely occurring because people were going faster than 35 mph and then trying to slow to 20 mph, which was difficult so there was some personal responsibility. He thought the City’s responsibility might be to
ensure citizens understood there was a real danger, and traveling faster than 35 mph was a risk.

Mayor McDavid asked staff to evaluate the warning signs. Currently there were signs with arrows, but they were small. He suggested larger signs with larger arrows. Mr. Matthes stated staff was already looking into the signage in terms of size, whether the signs could be placed earlier on road than normal, and including signage reading “dangerous curve ahead.”

Mayor McDavid noted that was not the only curve in the road and the portion of the road in Boone County was even curvier.

Ms. Nauser suggested a flashing yellow caution light with the arrows to make the sign easier to see at night because there were not street lights on the road. She commented that she drove that road quite often and had even forgotten about the curve at times. It was a 90 degree turn in the middle of a straightaway.

Ms. Peters asked if there had been any thought to adding rumble strips or measures other than signage. Ms. Christian replied she understood staff was awaiting the final accident report, and would then evaluate a number of countermeasures, to include many of the ideas suggested by Council.

Ms. Peters asked why this report only provided data from the last two years. Ms. Christian replied that was the data she had been provided and was uncertain as to the exact reason. Mr. Matthes pointed out this road had not been within the City limits for very long so it might have been their best information. He noted he would check into it.

**REP66-15 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request**

Mayor McDavid understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Roger Fries explained he resided on Hedgewood Drive, and noted he traveled Forum Boulevard on a regular basis and traveled on Creasy Springs Road once a month, and believed the $14 million earmarked for Forum Boulevard would be better spent on Creasy Springs Road because the Forum Boulevard issue could be resolved with a right in/right out at Wilson’s Total Fitness. He commented that he seldom had problems on Forum Boulevard except from the 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. hour. He reiterated he believed there were other pressing needs than Forum Boulevard, such as Creasy Springs Road.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, commented that she was speaking on behalf of People’s Visioning and thanked the Council for any consideration they might provide on the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). She understood the Council might individually take action, but wondered if they would consider taking action as a city and community. They would then join other municipalities in expressing the concern that the TPP would be detrimental to the community in terms of jobs and litigation. She noted the City’s renewable energy standard could already be subject to challenge, and asked the Council to consider official action.

Mayor McDavid understood a substantial number of citizens had come to City Hall to hear the cost of service analysis for solid waste, which had not occurred since the Council
had been hung up in a closed meeting. He suggested this be the first item discussed at the next pre-council meeting.

Mayor McDavid stated he applauded those interested in advocating against the TPP, but did not believe this was a local issue as it was a divisive and complicated issue. He felt its scale was substantially beyond anything the Council could analyze locally. He believed it fit into a category of national issues for which the City had little control and would dilute their focus from pressing local issues.

Mr. Skala commented that he, personally, did not support the TPP, and agreed they tended to not take political positions on issues that did not directly impact the City. He felt that did not preclude any of them from taking an individual initiative in supporting or opposing a particular action of the federal government. He believed there were two issues involved with the TPP, and those were the fast track authority and the treaty itself. He personally felt it was prudent to not allow the fast track so they could spend time analyzing the monumental treaty. He also thought it would be prudent for the Council as a whole to not take action on the issue.

Mr. Skala explained the capital improvement program list was a placeholder list, and noted individual projects on the list could be further scrutinized and negotiated in terms of total project scope. He commented that they were only promising to address Forum Boulevard and the other projects, and were not necessary promising how the issues would be addressed as the projects would need to be evaluated further. He did not know how much those projects would ultimately cost.

Mr. Skala stated he had discussed the controversial project at the corner of Providence Road and Broadway with representatives of the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council (DCLC) and others, and suggested a public information session because there appeared to be some support for the CVS development and some support for enhancing Flat Branch Park. He thought they needed to determine how the public felt on this issue.

Ms. Nauser commented that the Forum Boulevard project was being framed as a fix for Wilson’s Total Fitness, but it went beyond that as there were only five crossings of the Hinkson Creek in the community, and if one of the bridges were to go out, it would create a bottleneck in traffic patterns. She explained the issue at Forum Boulevard was the aging bridge. It might be 20 years before they were able to address the bridge if the bridge was not replaced now, so it was a safety issue. She pointed out Forum Boulevard went from four lanes to two lanes and then back to two lanes, and believed there had been a fatality accident on Forum Boulevard last year. She noted over 15,000 vehicles traveled Forum Boulevard on a daily basis, and felt that number would increase due to growth in the south part of town. This traffic would continue to put structural pressures on the aging bridge as well. She stated the bridge was the reason for the improvement to Forum Boulevard, and not the access for Wilson’s Total Fitness. She agreed with Mr. Skala in that these projects would all be vetted through the City’s public improvement process.
Mr. Matthes introduced Megan Allen to the Council and noted she would replace Lelande Rehard as a management fellow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk