

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013, 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 MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS and NAUSER were present. Council Member HOPPE was absent. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2013 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Ms. Nauser.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Skala requested B362-13 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

Mr. Thomas requested B369-13 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B362-13 and B369-13 being moved to old business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Ms. Nauser and a second by Mr. Skala.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Presentation of the Richard E. Malon Public Service Award from MPUA and the Public Power Governance Certification Program from APPA to John T. Conway, P.E.

Mayor McDavid recognized John Conway for his service to the City of Columbia as he had served on the Water and Light Advisory Board for the past 23 years and had been the Chair of that Board since 2005. He had attended many training sessions through the American Public Power Association and had recently completed the Public Power Governance Certification Program. He was also very involved in projects, and had helped with the utility's strategic plan and participated in the City's comprehensive planning process. His knowledge, dedication and consistency had been recognized by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance with the Richard E. Malon Public Service Award, which was presented to officials that had furthered the objectives of a municipal utility and had made contributions with a lasting impact. Mayor McDavid presented the Richard E. Malon Public Service Award and the Public Power Governance Certification to Mr. Conway, and thanked him for his commitment, service, and time spent serving the City of Columbia.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon receiving the majority vote of the Council, the following individuals were appointed to the following Boards and Commissions.

BOONE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Camp, Amy, 1308 Willowcreek Lane, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2016

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODES COMMISSION

Tompkins, Shaun, 5480 N. Locust Grove Church Road, Boone County, Term to expire August 1, 2016

COLUMBIA VISION COMMISSION

Scoble, James, 2404 Stratford Chase Parkway, Ward 6, Term to expire December 15, 2016

FINANCE ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Scavone, Edward, 2806 Moss Oak Court, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2016

FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT BOARD

Kenny, Nicholas, 807 Broadhead Street, Ward 1, Term to expire December 31, 2015

POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD

Pitzer, Matthew, 3402 Cross Timber Court, Ward 5, Term to expire on December 31, 2015

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Schoelz, Michael, 116 Park Hill, Ward 4, Term to expire on October 31, 2014

SUSTAINABLE FARMS AND COMMUNITIES, INC. BOARD

Dohm, Christopher, 2400 Chapel Hill Road, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2015

Welch, Monta, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2015

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B368-13 Authorizing athletic field lighting improvements on the east baseball field located in American Legion Park; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

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

B368-13 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

B342-13 Authorizing a right of use permit with North America Islamic for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a private sidewalk and site wall with handrail in a portion of the Locust Street (408 Locust Street) right-of-way.

The bill was given third reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mr. Johnsen confirmed the easement needed had been received.

Mr. Schmidt stated he was in support of this project.

The vote on B342-13 was recorded as follows VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

PR256-13 Establishing a Cash and Marketable Securities Reserve Policy for the Water and Light Department.

The policy resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid asked for clarification as Table B of the memo indicated the actual cash reserves were \$43.8 million while the 2012 Ten Year Trend Manual indicated the reserves were \$61.5 million. Mr. Blattel replied when the Trend Manual was prepared cash, marketable securities and accounts receivable were included, but afterward he researched the issue further and determined a better measure for the cash reserve policy would be to include cash, marketable securities and inventory, and to not include accounts receivable because accounts receivable was an account that balanced with the accounts payable account based on power purchased. He explained the City purchased power, which became an expense, and the receivable was what was billed to utility customers and collected in subsequent months, and that amount fluctuated significantly based on power usage. The inventory was more stable and the cash and marketable securities could be used immediately for the cash reserve policy. He noted the Ten Year Trend Manual would be updated to reflect this change for the FY13 version.

Mayor McDavid asked if the cash position, which had declined by a little over \$6 million and was under the 20 percent recommendation, was due to the cool summer. Mr. Johnsen replied yes. He explained the revenue, whether good or bad, was dependent upon the weather and there were a lot of fixed costs in the power supply. Mayor McDavid understood they wanted a generous reserve because they did not know what the weather would be like. The revenues would be higher resulting in a higher cash balance if it was hot, but unseasonably cool weather would result in less revenue and a lower cash balance. Mr. Johnsen agreed and explained that was one of purposes of having a healthy cash balance. They did not want the ratepayers to be the shock absorbers of the revenue stream. He noted the system had a lot of distributed risk in terms of power lines, and if a weather event took down the power lines, they would need to put those lines back up in order to restore service. The two primary needs for the cash balance were to stabilize rates and respond to expensive system outages.

Mayor McDavid had hoped the redundancy to be built in the south part of Columbia would be paid for substantially from cash reserves, but understood that would likely not happen. Mr. Johnsen replied infrastructure was typically funded through a bond issue so the people that benefited from the infrastructure as it was used would pay for it.

Mr. Schmidt asked what was included in marketable securities. Mr. Blattel replied it primarily consisted of government bonds.

Mr. Thomas asked if the large fixed costs included minimum energy purchasing requirements and contracts. Mr. Johnsen replied the City did not have many of the minimum energy purchasing clauses that really created costs. Most of those were defined as capacity payments for generation units, which were the fixed costs associated with operating or building a facility, or a debt payment for a plant. Mr. Thomas understood that was not proportional to the amount of energy purchased. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct. He also noted the cost to just maintain and operate a distribution system was independent of the amount of energy transmitted.

Mr. Thomas asked whether the City had a current policy for maintaining reserves in this account. Mr. Johnsen replied the City did not really have a policy at this time. This tool would be able to provide an accurate, consistent indication of where they were when they went through the budgeting process. The policy had also been recommended as a valuable tool for bond rating agencies.

Mr. Schmidt asked if this would be measured at the end of each month. Mr. Johnsen replied it would be measured at the end of the year. Mr. Schmidt understood the reserve was available during the year. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct.

Mr. Skala understood 18-20 percent was the reserve across the board for most departments, but a percentage had not really been set for the water and light reserve accounts, which might need a higher rate due to capital costs, etc. He also understood there were some stipulations in the Charter with regard to water and light reserve funds as they applied to the general fund, and noted he would likely ask for a report on those stipulations for clarification purposes. Mr. Johnsen agreed the Charter was restrictive on how the water and light funds could be used.

The vote on PR256-13 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Policy resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

B361-13 Rezoning property located 500 feet west of the Chapel Hill Road and Forum Boulevard intersection from O-P to C-P; approving the Chapel Hill Parking Expansion C-P Development Plan.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to amend B361-13 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Wes Bolton, Allstate Consultants, 3312 LeMone Industrial Boulevard, stated he was present on behalf of the applicant and was available to answer any questions.

Kim Stonecipher-Fisher explained she represented the business that had objected to right-in/right-out, and thanked Mr. Thomas and staff for working with them to come to an amicable solution. The previous plan would not have served the needs of her business and would have sent heavy traffic down Mill, which would have disrupted the neighborhood.

Mr. Skala commented that he would prefer the rezoning request to be separate from the C-P plan because he felt they could still object to the plan even if they were supportive of the rezoning, which was a land use decision. He did not believe having those two issues in one ordinance served the best interest of Council in terms of planning. He stated he wanted

a separate vote for rezoning issues and plan issues even if the two items were taken up at the same time in terms of discussion.

Mr. Thomas stated he agreed with Mr. Skala. He noted there had been an issue in the past that was very confusing because it involved an annexation, a rezoning and a site design approval. He asked if there was a downside to separating the votes. Mr. Teddy replied no, and explained staff could provide a segmented analysis if it would be helpful. He pointed out he was unsure about the drafting of the council bill as it was more economical and easier to track if the zoning and plan approval actions were in separate sections of the same ordinance, but understood the concern zoning created since there was always the possibility for an approved plan to be withdrawn.

Mr. Skala commented that he would appreciate any consideration to allowing the votes to be separate on land use issues and plan issues.

Mr. Matthes explained these types of issues tended to come together, but staff could keep the preference of Council in mind. He understood it might make some sense to separate the issues, but often times, they were all submitted together.

B361-13, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B362-13 Approving the Final Plat of Hoeper Subdivision Plat 2 located on the south side of Walnut Street, east of Stephens Lake Park; authorizing a performance contract.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Trapp understood the Council was obligated to support this as long as it fit the City's subdivision laws. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. He pointed out the Council could deny or modify it if they found something staff overlooked that did not meet the ordinances.

Mr. Skala understood platting was generally an administrative function and was approved unless there were public safety issues or access management issues. He wanted the public to understand this was essentially an approval process for people conforming to what everyone had agreed to with a few tweaks. He explained he pulled this off of the consent agenda because there had been considerable interest in it by people in the Third Ward and he wanted to provide the public an opportunity to comment.

Mr. Thomas asked what would be the next step after this subdivision plat was approved. He asked if a specific site design would be presented and whether it would go through the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council for approval. Mr. Teddy replied no. He explained if a variance was involved, it would be handled through the Board of Adjustment, but if everything was in conformance in terms of zoning, it would only need to go through the permitting process. There would be land disturbance permit for grading, tree removal, etc. and building permits. Mr. Thomas understood this would be entirely administrative from this point forward. Mr. Teddy pointed out the documents involved were public records so staff could go over plans with anyone interested in the site or could put them in touch with the person directing the project.

Mr. Thomas understood the current rules would allow 40 residents to live in housing on the property. Mr. Teddy stated there was a minimum lot size per dwelling unit and seventeen units to the acre would be the maximum. The property was shaped irregularly, so some efficiency in the layout would be lost. He thought 40 was a fairly accurate number with regard to the number of dwelling units.

Mr. Thomas asked for the rules on car parking spaces as he wondered if there would be a minimum or maximum. Mr. Teddy replied the current ordinance spoke to minimums, and this was a constraint to number of dwelling units that could be built. It was a function of number of bedrooms in the units. Mr. Thomas asked if there were any situations in which there was a maximum parking requirement. Mr. Teddy replied there might have been one in a planned district, but it was not codified.

Lindsey Smith explained she was speaking for the East Walnut Street Neighborhood Association and asked why the requirement of two access points for a development of six acres or more did not apply to this situation. Mr. Teddy replied he understood there was a number of units requirement and did not believe they would be able to get to that number of units. Ms. Smith stated the requirement involved acreages per previous correspondence with City staff. Mr. Teddy noted he would double check.

Ms. Smith stated the Association was not contesting zoning as the R-3 zoning had been in place since 1964, but they wanted to know how the City planned to mitigate the impact of an additional residential load at the end of a single access, narrow and unimproved road. East Walnut Street was the longest single access road in the central City. She noted they were concerned about traffic as the intersection of East Walnut and Old 63 was already congested and created difficulty when turning left during peak commuter hours or when there were special events at Stephens Lake Park. The closest access point to the area was a gated private road behind the Conley development. In the event of an emergency, such as a catastrophic weather event or flooding at the Hinkson Creek Bridge, East Walnut to the side could become unnavigable. She felt tripling the population was a liability for the City. She commented that there was a significant non-motorized transit load in the area and additional car traffic in the area without a sidewalk or pedestrian protection on the bridge would render this route increasingly unsafe. She understood City staff had indicated this development would not meet the threshold requirements for a traffic study, road upgrade, or the development of additional access. The neighborhood felt the livability and walkability of the area would be altered and asked the City to help maintain its qualities.

Mr. Skala commented that East Walnut was a problem area and would likely be included in CIP Plan for improvement. He understood the Roots and Blues Festival might be hosted in the area annually and there had been issues over the years due to traffic associated with the junior colleges in the area. He felt they were between a rock and a hard place since this was an administrative function and the zoning had been in place for many years. Once zoning was in place, and as long as there was compliance with the rules, a property owner could move forward with platting unless there was a public safety or access issue. He was not sure they had any latitude to deny this request at this time.

Mr. Teddy stated Ms. Smith was correct in that a property of six acres with R-3 zoning would be required to have two driveways, so two driveways would be needed if the intention

was to put in a small apartment complex. He pointed out the ordinance was silent on whether there needed to be a connection to a side street and noted the City had previously allowed two driveways to be on a single street.

Mr. Thomas understood there would have to be two driveways in order for this to be developed. Mr. Teddy explained for R-1 and R-2 zoned property, the access was determined by the number of units, but for R-3 zoned property, there had to be more than one public street access for lots of more than six acres.

Mr. Thomas asked if the approval of this subdivision, which would reduce the lots to less than six acres, would affect that requirement. Mr. Teddy replied two driveways could be provided on a single lot per his review of the subdivision code. Mr. Thomas commented that in looking at the topography, there was no prospect for a southern exit. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct and noted there was no other street frontage. Mr. Thomas asked if it would be in compliance if there were two driveways very close to each other. Mr. Teddy replied the City had allowed that in the past.

Mr. Skala asked if this subdivision would preclude the two driveway requirement. He wanted to know if the Council action tonight would mean they only needed one access to the development.

Mayor McDavid understood this was a 6.47 acre property and over four acres were undevelopable, so they were essentially discussing two acres. Mr. Matthes stated the resulting lot was 3.04 acres.

Mr. Thomas asked if the six acre rule for two driveways would apply to just the developable portion if they approved the subdivision.

Mr. Skala understood the density would be the same because they could develop the 6.4 acres at an R-3 density.

Mayor McDavid asked how much density could be placed on two acres. Mr. Matthes explained the one lot would be 3.3 acres and the other lot would be 3.04 acres after subdivision, and he believed the developable lot was the 3.04 acre lot. He did not think the requirement of two driveways would be required at that point.

Mr. Skala asked if the R-3 density would only apply to the developable piece. Mr. Matthes replied both lots would be zoned R-3 after the subdivision.

Mr. Thomas understood the two driveway rule would not apply after the subdivision.

Mayor McDavid asked how many units could be placed on the developable lot. Mr. Teddy replied 17 units to the acre would theoretically be the maximum possible. Mayor McDavid understood 51 units could be placed on three acres. Mr. Teddy stated that was the most that would be allowed, but it would probably be less. Mayor McDavid asked if they could build to that level now. Mr. Teddy replied they had to plat the property in order to get a building permit, but they could plat it as one lot.

Mr. Skala understood the issue was whether they had to have two driveways and whether the action of Council tonight would preclude that requirement. The density would be the same because it was based on the entire acreage regardless of whether it was developable, but if the property was divided into two 3-acre lots, the two access rule would not apply to the one lot.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to table B362-13 to the January 21, 2014 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schmidt.

Mr. Matthes pointed out most of the other roads connecting to Walnut had more than 52 units and only one entrance to Walnut.

Mayor McDavid asked for a staff recommendation when this issue came back to Council.

Mr. Thomas emphasized that this was a popular non-motorized transportation route, and although they were striving for density, this seemed like a poor location.

The motion made by Mayor McDavid and seconded by Mr. Schmidt to table B362-13 to the January 21, 2014 Council Meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B363-13 Authorizing an agreement with Clarion Associates, LLC for professional services for a comprehensive update to the City of Columbia development codes (zoning and subdivision); appropriating funds.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala noted a policy in the Comprehensive Plan stipulated a plan for fiscally sustainable growth in which it indicated new development would pay a fair allocation of infrastructure costs and revise development standards to establish a fair allocation of funds for off-site improvements, and since Clarion dealt with impact fees, he asked if a review of that would be an appropriate addition to the scope of work. Mr. Teddy replied he did not know if he would make that as a request in this scope of work right now, but believed it was a fair question to ask when interacting with Clarion as there was some interface of subdivision regulations with development exactions and requirements for public facilities that went beyond basics, such as the undergrounding of utilities and the surface infrastructure that served a particular subdivision. Mr. Skala understood it might be appropriate to engage another consultant to address those specific questions if they expected feedback. Mr. Teddy stated yes, and explained it was a fairly major item to drop into this scope of work. Mr. Matthes suggested they move forward with this scope of work, but noted they could ask them what they would charge for this additional work. They could then decide whether they needed bid the work recommended by Mr. Skala through a separate contract. Mr. Skala stated he would love it if staff explored that further.

Rick Shanker, 1829 Cliff Drive, understood the City could decide to keep the present zoning, have no zoning, have function-based zoning, form zoning, use-based zoning, performance-based zoning or incentive-based zoning, or any combination of those types of zoning. He asked the Council to consider tabling this matter and assigning the task to the Community Development Department staff to complete in six months while tailoring it to Columbia's needs and desires.

Mr. Trapp commented that it would be difficult for staff with their busy jobs to complete this work in a timely manner and noted the steep slopes issue had been with the Community Development Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission for about two years. He recalled the original recommendation was to push this forward so the process moved along. He noted they would see some tangible benefits as a result, and he would rather have that

happen now instead of 20 years from now. He agreed it was a lot of money, but felt they would benefit from it.

Ms. Nauser stated she recalled discussing this issue of planning and zoning codes and processes when she was previously on the Council. While it was a considerable amount of money, she felt hiring an outside consultant took the political nature out of staff decisions, and allowed for a broader look at what was done around the country for customization to Columbia. She agreed staff was at its limit now in terms of workload and did not believe they could put this burden on them without having to hire more staff. She thought it made sense to contract out this work and obtain an independent look at the issue.

B363-13 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B366-13 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to renewable energy standard.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Skala made a motion to table B366-13 to the January 6, 2014 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser.

Mr. Trapp stated he would vote in favor of the motion because he had been asked by Ms. Hoppe, but as he had reflected on it, he did not believe they should table items due to a Council Member being voluntarily absent from a meeting. He commented that they were all unpaid volunteers and he did not begrudge someone taking a vacation, but their processes were governed by law. There were ordinances that governed Council Meetings, and illness or being detained unavoidably were the only reasons to miss a meeting. He felt compelled to comment due to the long meetings. He pointed out the meeting prior to the eight hour meeting was a seven hour meeting, and the reasons it was so long was because some controversial items had been delayed since people were gone for summer vacations. The long meetings made it difficult for him and the City staff that needed to be at work at 8:00 a.m. the next day. He did not want to begrudge Council Members not attending, but believed the remaining members had to be trusted to make decisions. He noted he would not vote for anymore of these requests to table for this reason as the law was pretty clear. He asked the City Clerk or City Attorney to send the ordinance to the Council for review as it also discussed Council comments. It indicated they were only allowed to comment once unless everyone had commented. If they held the public to three minutes, he felt they should also hold themselves accountable. He pointed out if they wanted to change the ordinances, they could, but he believed they should follow the ordinances that governed how they ran their meetings.

Mr. Skala disagreed with Mr. Trapp with respect to issues that were critical. He agreed they should not load up these issues on any particular agenda and understood there were laws that governed meetings, but felt the issue of the number of comments was the prerogative of the Mayor. He also agreed they could trust the rest of the Council to vote on issues, but did not believe that type of allowance was in violation of any rule given there was no particular hardship.

The motion made by Mr. Skala and seconded by Ms. Nauser to table B366-13 to the January 6, 2014 Council Meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B369-13 Amending the agreement with the Columbia Public School District to substitute a playground improvement project at West Boulevard Elementary School in place of the New Haven Elementary School playground improvement project; authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for FY 2014 playground improvement projects at New Haven Elementary School, Parkade Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School and Russell Boulevard Elementary School.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Mr. Thomas explained he requested this moved to old business because he had received an inquiry from a constituent regarding whether these projects had been reviewed for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. He asked if there was a procedure to ensure that review was done before construction began. Mr. Griggs replied staff reviewed all of plans before the school started construction, and they looked at the project for ADA compliance. If the school contracted out the project or used their own staff, City staff inspected those projects to ensure compliance after they were built. He noted these were reimbursable grants.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, stated she was speaking on behalf of People's Visioning and noted they were concerned about public health as it related to the construction materials. They understood chopped up tire pieces would be used for playground bedding material instead of wood chips or sand and had health concerns because the particulates from the tires could get into the atmosphere and increase asthma, etc. In addition, sometimes the wires embedded into tires could be exposed, which was a safety issue.

Mr. Griggs explained they had utilized a waste tire grant at Worley Street Park, which was a product of a factory in Macon. The company carefully screened out steel belts and had assured the City there was not an issue with regard to the dust factor. It was shredded and had been a great surface for the Park, but since an arsonist had set it on fire, the Parks and Recreation Department had not used a waste tire grant. He pointed out this was a school project and he had not heard they were using recycled tire products in the playgrounds.

Cheryl Price, 511 Parkade Boulevard, stated she was the Board President of Services for Independent Living and served on the Disabilities Commission and Public Transit Advisory Commission. She noted she had been slightly concerned because she did not know the particulars. She pointed out the Disabilities Commission had made playground issues as one of their top goals and objectives for the next year. She understood the rubberized mats that fit together had been used as a pilot project at Cosmo Park, and that product was the advised possibility, but was also quite expensive. If that product could not be used, she suggested the rubberized tire products be used for children as it was the least offensive.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line, commented that he had used shredded tires 6-8 years ago for landscaping and the wire could be seen. He wondered if there would be an oil leakage of some sort into the water table as a result of the product.

Mayor McDavid stated he thought the cooperation between the Columbia Public Schools and the Parks and Recreation Department was outstanding, and advised those with concerns to notify the School Board as the schools would be constructing the projects.

B369-13 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B371-13 Amending the FY 2014 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Finance Department, Police Department, Public Works Department and Water and Light Department; amending the FY 2014 Classification and Pay Plan by adding, closing and reclassifying positions in the Finance Department, Police Department, Public Works Department and Water and Light Department.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Ms. Buckler provided a staff report.

Mr. Trapp asked if this would delete the underfilled police position and replace it with a civilian position that would do the same function. Ms. Buckler replied she understood that was the intention. Mr. Matthes explained it was a part of the Police Department's strategic plan in order to stretch public safety dollars. There was no reason to have a sworn officer do any function that did not require police powers. It was an effort to begin civilianizing back office duties and maximizing sworn officers on the street. Mr. Trapp stated that made sense from a fiscal point of view, but wondered if that would restrict their ability to pull officers for needed security at large events, such as the Roots and Blues Festival or a MU football game. Mr. Matthes agreed that would be a concern if they went too far in that direction, but at this time, they were too far in the other direction. He stated he would be happy to discuss the Police Department's strategic plan during a Pre-Council Meeting as he felt it was balanced and did not civilianize every role that could be civilianized.

Mr. Skala made a motion to amend B371-13 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B371-13, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS, NAUSER. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: HOPPE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B360-13 Voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Creasy Springs Road and north of Prairie Lane (3680 North Creasy Springs Road); establishing permanent R-1 zoning.**
- B364-13 Authorizing construction of a bicycle boulevard from the Wabash Station to the Hominy Trail; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.**
- B365-13 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of a bicycle boulevard from the Wabash Station to the Hominy Trail.**
- B367-13 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.**
- B370-13 Appropriating Share the Light funds.**

- R257-13 Setting a public hearing: construction of sidewalk improvements along the east side of Garth Avenue, between Leslie Lane and Parkade Boulevard, and a crosswalk with a pedestrian activated flashing light and center median island across the north leg of the intersection of Garth Avenue and Parkade Boulevard.
- R258-13 Setting a public hearing: construction of roadway pavement improvements on Clark Lane, between Woodland Springs Court and McKee Street.
- R259-13 Setting a public hearing: construction of improvements at Fairview Park and Fairview Elementary School.
- R260-13 Setting a public hearing: annexation of City-owned parkland located on the north side of St. Charles Road and east of Golf Boulevard (6700 E. St. Charles Road).
- R261-13 Setting a public hearing: annexation of property located on the northwest corner of Scott Boulevard and Highway KK (5801 S. Highway KK).
- R262-13 Setting a public hearing: consider an amendment to the FY 2014 Annual Action Plan as it relates to HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funding.
- R263-13 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the Institute of Public Policy, Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs for production of a Workforce Development Plan for the Department of Public Health and Human Services.
- R264-13 Authorizing the temporary closure of sidewalk along a portion of the east side of South Ninth Street, between Cherry Street and Locust Street, to allow for the construction of a proposed mixed-use building.
- R265-13 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for design of the reconstruction of Runway 13-31 and Taxiway B at its intersection with Runway 20 at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- R266-13 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for design, permitting and bid phase services for the Oakland Church Road 16-inch water main project.
- R267-13 Authorizing an agreement with New Dawn Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of JustWare Prosecutor case management software.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- R268-13 Expressing support for Medicaid expansion in Missouri to cover all adults and children up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mayor McDavid understood the policy of Council was to not debate national and state issues over which they had no jurisdiction, but he felt this was an important issue for many. He referred to a report entitled “The Economic Impacts of Medicaid Expansion on Missouri”

completed by the University of Missouri - School of Medicine and others, and listed some of its conclusions. Due to the benefits financially and in terms of its humanitarian aspect, he was asking the Council to support this resolution, and if the resolution was adopted, he would write a letter detailing their support to the local legislators.

Brian Smith explained he was with the Missouri Rural Crisis Center and thanked the Council for taking up this resolution. He pointed to the supporters of this resolution in the audience and encouraged the Council to support the resolution. He understood this was outside their normal procedures, but felt the stakes were high throughout Missouri and in the healthcare system in Columbia in terms of the funding cuts that would result from the failure of Medicaid expansion as those cuts would impact hospitals negatively. He noted Medicaid expansion would create jobs, increase access to healthcare to over 263,000 Missourians, and lower healthcare costs. He reiterated his encouragement of Council to support this resolution.

Andy Quint stated he was the Medical Director at the Family Health Center and noted he had cared for the uninsured for seventeen years since about one-quarter of his patients did not have any insurance. As a result of not being insured, patients were skimping on medications, skipping preventative care visits and working physically hard jobs with injuries. They were essentially functioning until they reached retirement and accessed Medicare. He asked the Council to consider those that went to work with uncontrolled diabetes, which caused exhaustion, pains that were difficult to treat, and high blood pressure, which caused headaches. He pointed out many people had to decide between going to the doctor or paying for groceries and paying for medication or utility bills. He provided an example of a patient who had hepatitis and needed a liver biopsy to determine treatment, but this patient did not qualify for Medicaid even though he was uninsured since he was able to work. He commented that this patient's liver disease would eventually get so bad that he would not be able to work, but then ironically he would qualify for Medicaid. He was concerned they would not be able to save him at that point because his liver disease would be too bad. He believed there was a moral imperative to this issue, and those in opposition had not provided an alternative proposal that would provide adequate health insurance for the majority of Missourians. He also did not believe the economic argument could be overlooked as many people ended up in emergency rooms or being hospitalized. The hospitals were being required to provide that uncompensated care and it did not make sense to use DSH funds to reimburse the most expensive type of care. He thought it should go to primary or preventative care instead of for emergency room and hospital visits. He believed this was the right thing to do morally, medically and economically.

Mary Ratliff, 211 Park de Ville Drive, explained she was the President of the local and State NAACP and thanked the Council for taking up this important issue. She noted she supported this Medicaid expansion and hoped the Council would pass this resolution and write a letter to State legislators.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, stated she was speaking on behalf of People's Visioning, the Interfaith Care for Creation and the Columbia Climate Change Coalition, and thanked the Council for taking up this issue. She believed there was wide public support for this expansion and appreciated it from an economic and humanitarian point of view.

Mr. Skala stated he supported this resolution and agreed with a lot of the comments made in terms of the moral and economic values. He understood the Council had been reluctant to vote on political issues in the past, but felt this was an apolitical issue and one the Council could weigh in on as it was for the public good. In addition, they would be expressing their opinion in a democratic fashion to the State.

Mr. Trapp agreed this was not a political issue as it had huge local repercussions with regard to the local economy and how the City spent its small amount of social service dollars. He commented that the Family Health Center, which was an organization that served people humanely and efficiently, was a treasure. They had to make hard decisions in terms of what they could do with their limited funds and how to manage the care of individuals without using high dollar medications or advanced tests. He noted he had worked with a gentleman that had a serious mental illness and did not want to pursue disability because he thought it was important to work. His symptoms had been well controlled with an expensive anti-psychotic drug and he had obtained employment at a local restaurant, but as a result, he promptly lost his Medicaid. This decision was appealed, but the appeal was lost. He now collected disability and was covered by Medicaid, which were both paid for by taxpayers. Mr. Trapp felt this gentleman might have been able to continue to work if there was a more rationale way to determine who should have access to health care. He was pleased to see this resolution come forward and thought it was necessary for humanity and local economic conditions.

Mr. Thomas commented that he did not believe this was a political issue as there were tangible and measurable benefits of this for the City of Columbia. The economic benefits outlined in the University of Missouri study were clear and it was a humanitarian issue. He did not believe there was anything wrong with the Council, who was elected to legislate laws for the City of Columbia, to listen to issues that were larger than Columbia and sharing them more widely. He thought it benefited the greater good to provide health care irrespective of the ability to pay and was similar to the view of the national benefit of educating children. He explained he spent last Thursday night at the Unitarian Universalist Church homeless shelter as a volunteer and had the opportunity to meet people that did not have a place to live, and the consistent story of how they had gotten into this situation was the result of a serious illness or injury at a time they were without health insurance. In addition to the irresponsible use of resources in terms of expensive emergency room care being provided at the last minute when it was not beneficial, peoples' lives were wrecked and human service organizations were overburdened due to the current Medicaid policies. He noted he would support the resolution.

Ms. Nauser commented that although she was sympathetic and understood the plight and issues of Medicaid and health care in general, but felt they also needed to consider the big picture as the federal government had \$17 trillion of debt and over \$90 trillion of unfunded liabilities for programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and federal pensions. In addition, the Treasury Department continued to print money and the Federal Reserve continued to buy toxic assets since no one else would purchase them. She felt this was a budgetary problem and a political issue that the state and federal governments needed to work out. The Council had enough to do without getting involved in politics because in

addition to it being a humanitarian issue, it was also a political issue. She encouraged the Council Members and citizens to contact their state and federal representatives on this issue. She stated she could not support breaking the policy of not getting involved with state and federal issues.

Mr. Schmidt understood the City had a lobbyist, who looked out for the interests of the City, and thought that might be a more normal route to go with regard to this issue, but noted he did not have a problem with a direct letter based on this resolution. He also did not feel the Council was legislating beyond its purview as they were only expressing an opinion beyond their purview. He commented that he did not disagree with Ms. Nauser in terms of expenses, but felt they disagreed in that taking care of people was cheaper in the long run.

The vote on R268-13 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, SKALA, THOMAS. VOTING NO: NAUSER. ABSENT: HOPPE. 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.

- B372-13 Rezoning property located northeast of the Stadium Boulevard, Cinnamon Hill Lane and Maquire Boulevard intersection (1202 Cinnamon Hill Lane) from A-1 to PUD-9; approving the Statement of Intent with conditions; approving The Avenue at Columbia Preliminary Plat and PUD Plan.**

- B373-13 Approving an increase in the maximum number of dwelling units allowed on property zoned PUD-2 located northwest of the Louisville Drive and Chapel Hill Road intersection; approving a revised statement of intent.**

- B374-13 Vacating an access easement on Lot 519A within Thornbrook, Plat 15A located on the north side of Henwich Drive and west of Newbury Way.**

- B375-13 Vacating a utility easement on Lot 1 and Lot 3 within Broadhead Place located on the south side of Conley Avenue, between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.**

- B376-13 Vacating a sanitary sewer easement on Lot 4 within Academy Village Subdivision Plat 1 located on the south side of Green Meadows Road and east of Providence Road; accepting a conveyance for sanitary sewer purposes.**

- B377-13 Amending Chapter 6 of the City Code as it relates to radon control methods.**

- B378-13 Authorizing construction of the Fairview Road Sidewalk Project from Highland Drive to West Broadway; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.**

- B379-13 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Fairview Road Sidewalk Project from Highland Drive to West Broadway.**

- B380-13 Accepting conveyances for utility, sidewalk, temporary construction, temporary access and sewer purposes.**

- B381-13 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.**

- B382-13** Authorizing construction of improvements at Fairview Park and Fairview Elementary School; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District.
- B383-13** Authorizing an amendment to the agreement for conveyance of building and lease of land with Heibel-March, LLC for city-owned property located at 900-902 Rangeline Street.
- B384-13** Authorizing a PCS antenna agreement with SBA Structures, LLC for the lease of land at Fire Station No. 6 (3112 Chapel Hill Road).
- B385-13** Amending Chapter 24 of the City Code as it relates to special event permits.
- B386-13** Authorizing Amendment to Memorandum and Agreement of Leases and Parking Rights with Broadway Lodging, LLC to increase the number of leased parking spaces in the Short Street parking garage.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP169-13 Renewal of Transit Advertising Contract.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid understood the full wraps would be in violation of City ordinances if they were on a building and felt the City was essentially violating its own ordinances. Mr. Skala understood it was not illegal if it was on the bus.

Mr. Trapp asked how many complaints had been received with regard to the windows being covered. Mr. Glascock replied they had not received a lot of complaints, but when they had received a complaint, it was a result of not being able to see. He thought they could limit the number of windows that were covered to address the issue.

Mr. Skala commented that when this was first discussed, he did not like the idea of advertising on City buses, but it had generated \$127,000, which was significant due to the number of City needs. Mr. Matthes pointed out the revenue generated was equivalent to the cost of another bus.

Mr. Schmidt explained the selling point for him was that this was the price of a bus, and once they had an additional bus, they could wrap it as well and use those funds for other needs as the City had many needs.

Ms. Nauser commented that she thought it was prudent to utilize outside sources to fund City services whenever possible, especially in terms of transit as they were always operating at a loss and subsidizing that enterprise. She did not believe it was prudent to lose \$127,000 in revenue due to a policy change. She noted advertisements were on buses in larger cities already and stated she supported the continuation of selling ads on the buses.

Mr. Thomas understood Mr. Glascock had indicated the wraps accounted for 40 percent of the overall advertising revenue and asked if the loss in revenue could be reduced if they allowed framed ads in specific places. Mr. Glascock replied the full wrap accounted for 40 percent of the revenue because it was the only ad on the bus. Mr. Thomas wondered how much of a difference it would make if they eliminated the full wraps, but still allowed display ads on the sides and backs. Mr. Glascock replied he thought the City would collect about \$65,000-\$75,000 if that occurred. He explained they anticipated \$127,000 in revenues. Mr. Thomas stated a 40 percent reduction was a lot more than \$65,000. Mr. Glascock noted

he only provided an estimate. Mr. Matthes pointed out he understood the full wraps were pulling people into the other purchases.

Mr. Thomas commented that he believed money for transit was needed, but also felt the variability of the appearance of the buses with the full wraps fought against developing a recognizable brand, which might help grow the service. He noted he had concerns about the full wraps because it completely redesigned the appearance of the bus, but did not have a problem with limited display ads.

Mr. Trapp understood \$60,000 would buy a lot more marketing, and would provide more value than what they lost in branding. He noted he was supportive of keeping the current policy.

Mayor McDavid asked if staff had models from other transit systems, such as the ones in Ames, Iowa City and Champaign. Mr. Glascock replied he thought they could obtain that information. Mayor McDavid asked that models from other communities be provided when staff brought the issue before Council again.

Mr. Skala asked if the City was charging the market rate and wondered if that rate could be adjusted. Mr. Matthes pointed out the routes for CoMO Connect would reach other parts of the City and likely increase the value of ad space.

Mayor McDavid asked for staff to provide the amount of revenue the other university town transit systems were getting for advertising when they provided the comparison of models.

REP170-13 Electric System Integrated Resource Plan - 2013 Update.

Mayor McDavid pointed out this had been discussed in the Pre-Council Meeting earlier in the evening.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report, and asked for guidance on whether staff could move forward with the programs proposed.

Mayor McDavid commented that the energy in Columbia was expensive and noted middle class families with City electric paid nine percent more in the summer than those who were served by Boone Electric. He explained he wanted to see the economic justification associated with these initiatives because everyone's money was being used to fund them, to include those with very little income. He believed it was a social justice issue.

Mr. Skala stated he felt the City needed to emphasize conservation as every dollar saved on energy reduced the overall cost of that energy across the board. He wanted the increase in efficiency to have an equal weight to the reduction of costs.

Mr. Thomas understood there was a recommendation to increase the electric base charge for residential customers, and asked if that was relevant to this discussion. Mr. Johnsen replied he thought it was a slightly separate issue. He explained one of the recommendations was to address rates so as net metering evolved they understood how the costs were redistributed amongst the ratepayers. A cost of service study was conducted two years ago, and it indicated the low base rate should be increased with future rate increases. He pointed out they were related in terms of showing some of the fixed costs were being recovered through the energy charge. He thought they needed to look at how costs were being recovered. Mr. Thomas understood this philosophy suggested the fixed costs should

be equally charged to customers while the per kilowatt hour charge should be dependent upon the amount of energy each customer used, and noted he could argue the fixed costs should also be allocated to customers depending on the amount of energy used. Mr. Matthes stated he thought that was a fine philosophy to take, but noted he did not know whether any utilities used that approach in Missouri. He thought that could be researched. He pointed out the current philosophy was based on everyone paying a certain cost for service, and then paying based on usage. He explained this approach was not used with the water utility.

Mr. Schmidt thought the paybacks for the recommended programs were pretty good, and the payback was to the overall ratepayers and did not include the social benefits to those that participated in the programs. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct. He explained the energy efficiency programs they were recommending to put more resources towards were the ones that showed a benefit to the utility through a cost to benefit ratio, so theoretically it benefited the City more than it would cost for the City to participate in the programs. He noted they also had to keep in mind the rate they spent money on the programs. He stated they tried to represent what they felt was a fair integration or movement as they did not want to expend a lot of money up front that took a long time to recover.

Mayor McDavid stated he believed this report was informational and an excellent resource. He noted he felt they were the Board of Directors of this enterprise and needed to be as engaged as possible on the utility.

Mr. Johnsen pointed out the Water and Light Advisory Board had endorsed this report and the recommendations suggested.

Mr. Matthes explained staff would come back with agenda items for Council approval to implement the recommendations. Mayor McDavid reiterated he wanted a return on equity assessment.

Mr. Thomas asked if the PV loan program, which was estimated at \$500,000 would be a new program. Mr. Johnsen replied it would operate under the existing loan program for energy efficiencies. It would be expanded to allow for the PV to be used in addition to energy efficiency.

REP171-13 Annual Infrastructure Report.

Mayor McDavid stated he believed this report was extremely well done as it made a complicated issue understandable.

Ms. Nauser agreed the report was thorough and made it easy for everyone to see what had been accomplished and what would be worked on in the future.

Mr. Skala commented that he agreed, and noted he believed public safety was a part of the infrastructure.

REP172-13 Columbia Vision Commission "Media Mentions" Report.

Mayor McDavid commented that he felt this report showed a need to do citizen surveys once a year to become aware of citizen priorities.

REP173-13 Columbia Vision Commission - Vision Implementation Update, Economic Development.

Mayor McDavid stated the only item the community was not close to accomplishing that was recommended by the Vision Commission was a high-tech high school, although some would argue that all the high schools in Columbia were high-tech. He felt they were on the right track.

REP174-13 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

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

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, stated she was speaking on behalf of People's Visioning and commented that many in the community were unhappy with the way Columbia was developing as money was leaving the community due to out of state developers. She felt development needed to slow down. The fast track aspect of the economic development group of the Vision Commission was offset elsewhere in the Vision Report in terms of renewable energy, smart growth, and slower and more thoughtful planned development. She did not believe Columbia needed rapid downtown growth as it resulted in the loss of character downtown, parking issues, inadequate infrastructure, etc., and created a financial burden on taxpayers. She suggested the City look at development models in other communities and review how the public benefited or did not benefit from development. Ms. Welch pointed out a study conducted by the University of Missouri with regard to fracking was recently released, and it indicated fracking was damaging to human hormones. She felt this was another example of the public having to pay in one way or another. She asked the Council to be more cautious and to ascertain actual benefits and detriments in economic and development decisions.

Greg Ahrens, 1504 Sylvan Lane, invited everyone to come downtown on New Year's Eve to participate in the Columbia Eve Fest on South Ninth Street. Although it was a small footprint, he believed it would be a lot of fun.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line, commented that the People's Visioning had learned the United States was the largest polluter in the world. In addition, People's Visioning had found ways to improve the way Columbia participated in economic development in several areas, such as how much the City asked developers for developments, how City offices should be involved economic development, etc. He asked the City to slow down, put development on hold and listen to the citizens. The People's Visioning had more renewable solutions to offer that would work well with cost effective economic development in ways that were more secure for citizens. He asked the Council to allow them to share their ideas. He also stated his concern for the homeless and felt the City needed to find places for them to go.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Council for supporting the allocation of council contingency funds for bus passes and additional bus service to and from the Unitarian Universalist Church

shelter. Those resources had not been needed because van transportation had been arranged by another church. He also thanked the City for providing a police presence. He noted the shelter had been successful as there were 10-20 people each night. The shelter had a residential manager that stayed there all night, every night, with a few volunteers due to a cash donation by another church. He pointed out this shelter would end on December 21, 2013, and at this time, there was no equivalent place for people to go until the Room at the Inn opened on January 1, 2014. As a result, the Unitarian Universalist Church leaders were considering the possibility of extending the shelter. He asked the Council to extend the opportunity of the \$5,000 in council contingency funds, which had not been previously used, to assist with extending the shelter until January 1, 2014. He thought it would be unlikely that more than \$2,000 would be used. He understood the shelter manager would cost about \$500. He was unsure as to whether the United Methodist Church, which donated transportation, would be able to continue providing that service. He noted they would also need police presence at the shelter during this time.

Mr. Thomas made a motion for no more than \$5,000 in council contingency funds to be used to assist in extending the homeless shelter at the Unitarian Universalist Church until January 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp.

Mr. Skala stated he believed this was reasonable and noted he supported the motion.

Mr. Trapp agreed and pointed out the bulk of the work for the shelter would be done with volunteers. He thanked Mr. Thomas for helping to address this issue.

The motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Trapp for no more than \$5,000 in council contingency funds to be used to assist in extending the homeless shelter at the Unitarian Universalist Church until January 1, 2014 was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Thomas stated he had met with Charles Sullivan of MoDOT and Scott Bitterman of the City of Columbia regarding the crosswalks at the reconstructed Stadium Boulevard intersections, and thought there was a good chance that all four crosswalk legs could be included at the Ash Street and Worley Street intersections, but not at the Bernadette intersection due to the volume of left turning traffic at that location. He asked for a report on the number of intersections within the City that were marked with only three crosswalk legs instead of four and the justification for it.

Mr. Thomas understood an amendment to the land preservation ordinance involving tree removal was being drafted and asked for a time line with regard to when the Council would receive the report. Mr. Teddy replied he thought it would be provided in January.

Ms. Nauser understood City staff cleared first and second priority streets for snow events that had less than four inches of snow, but did not clear subdivisions. The intersection of her subdivision and a priority road had not been cleared, and a neighbor had slid out of the subdivision over the weekend and gotten into an accident. She received an e-mail from another neighbor today indicating this type of accident almost happened again. She asked if staff could look at the intersections where residential streets connected to first and second priority streets in terms of the snow policy.

Mr. Glascock explained staff did not go into subdivisions when snow was less than four inches on overtime. They went into the subdivisions and addressed intersections on regular time if it was still cold and needed. Ms. Nauser understood staff was now going into the subdivisions putting down cinders or salt. Mr. Glascock pointed out that if they were informed of an accident at an intersection, they would make an effort to get to the area on overtime.

Mr. Skala understood if there was less than four inches of snow, the primary streets were addressed as quickly as possible, and if there was more than four inches of snow, the primary streets were addressed first, but the neighborhood roads were also addressed on regular time. Mr. Glascock explained if the snow was over four inches, staff plowed the entire City until it was done.

Mr. Skala understood there was now a policy on parking on snow routes. Mr. Glascock stated there had been great compliance to that policy. Mr. Skala noted he had received a call from a lady that had indicated she was disabled and could not move her car, and asked if there was a number she could have called for a circumstance such as this. Mr. Glascock replied he thought the number was on the website and would double check.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk