

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
701 E. BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
JULY 20, 2015**

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 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 SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS and TRAPP were present. Council Members NAUSER, MCDAVID and RUFFIN 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 July 6, 2015 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Thomas.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Skala asked that B200-15 be moved from the consent agenda to old business.

Ms. Peters asked that B181-15 and R120-15 be moved from the consent agenda to old business and new business respectively.

The agenda, including the consent agenda with B181-15 and B200-15 being moved to old business and R120-15 being moved to new business, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Skala and a second by Mr. Thomas.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION

Harder, Dan, 1803 Bluff Pointe Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire July 31, 2018

Jost, Cathryn, 4124 Town Square Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire July 31, 2018

Simonson, Lawrence, 2706 Hillshire Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire July 31, 2018

BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS

Dove, James, 3100 Brown Station Road, Ste. C (Business), Ward 2, Term to expire June 17, 2018

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODES COMMISSION

Carlson, Kas, 204 Peach Way, Ste. E (Business), Ward 5, Term to expire August 1, 2018

Page, John, 8391 Forest Creek Drive, Boone County, Term to expire August 1, 2018

FINANCIAL ADVISORY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Bloom, Kristian, 4304 Melrose Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2016

MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HEALTH

Saling, Dynesse, 2302 Whitegate Drive, Apt. 1E, Ward 3, Term to expire November 30, 2016

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Lee, Katherine, 513 Huntridge Drive, Ward 6, Term to expire March 1, 2016

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Fines, Steven, 703 Hickman Avenue, Apt. C, Ward 1, Term to expire October 31, 2016

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Liu, Jenna, Ward 5, Term to expire February 15, 2016

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

B176-15 Authorizing the issuance of Water and Electric System Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2015.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Blattel provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala made a motion to amend B176-15 per the amendment sheet.

Mr. Thomas asked for clarification regarding the amendment sheet. Mr. Blattel replied it identified the actual bid winner and placed the actual principal amounts over the period of the issuance into the document. Mr. Thomas understood that information was only known today. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct, and explained they learned of this information after the bonds were sold, which was after 10:00 a.m. today.

The motion made by Mr. Skala to amend B176-15 per the amendment sheet was seconded by Mr. Thomas and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp stated a \$4 million savings for the ratepayers was significant, and noted his appreciation of staff for looking at opportunities to refinance the bonds. He was glad the City had been able to receive a favorable rate for these new bonds.

B176-15, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B177-15 Appropriating bond proceeds for FY 2015 electric capital projects.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report.

Mr. Thomas thanked staff for holding a conference call with the City's consultant regarding the line extension policy. He noted he had concerns with regard to spending current ratepayer money effectively on new infrastructure to accommodate new development into the electric system, and understood staff was exploring a line extension policy, which would transfer some costs of new infrastructure to new customers.

B177-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B180-15 Granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations, and a waiver from the requirements of the City Code, relating to construction of a sidewalk along a portion of the north side of Business Loop 70 East and east of Providence Road (405 Business Loop 70 East); accepting conveyances for sidewalk and temporary construction purposes.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mr. Skala understood staff had initially recommended the variance not be granted, and that the Planning and Zoning Commission had been given the option of conveyances, which they had supported. Mr. Teddy explained staff had provided an alternative recommendation in case the Planning and Zoning Commission was in favor of the variance, as they did not want the applicant excused entirely from any obligation because the easements would be of some value in the future. Mr. Skala asked if staff still felt the variance should not be granted. Mr. Teddy replied yes, and explained they still read the criteria in the same manner. He understood an argument had been made that the sidewalk was not constructible, but it had been shown on the building plans. In addition, there was a sidewalk in front of the Rusk Rehabilitation facility, so they felt a sidewalk could be constructed.

Mr. Thomas asked why the applicant had requested this to be tabled. Mr. Teddy replied he did not know.

Mr. Thomas commented that he believed this sidewalk needed to be built since this area was likely to be developed, which they wanted to be pedestrian-friendly and accessible. He did not feel it was satisfactory to say there was a sidewalk on the other side street because there had been pedestrian injuries and deaths associated with people trying to cross streets like Business Loop 70. He believed a sidewalk was needed on the north side, and pointed out the purpose of this ordinance was to incrementally build the sidewalk network. He stated the only justification he could see for not building the sidewalk now was if the electric power lines would be placed underground in the near future as that would require destroying the sidewalk. He asked when the electric lines on the north side of Business Loop 70 East would be placed underground. Mr. Teddy replied he was uncertain, and noted the Water and Light Department staff might be able answer the question. He understood some power poles would need to be moved. Mr. Thomas asked if the poles would need to be moved to make space for the sidewalk. Mr. Teddy replied yes. Mr. Thomas thought this had been discussed as a bigger project, and understood the Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) was also interested in all of the electric lines being placed underground. He reiterated he would support the idea of the sidewalk variance if the sidewalk would be torn up within the next few years.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp made a motion to table B180-15 to the August 3, 2015 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Ann Marie Gortmaker, 1714 McAlester Street, stated she concurred with Mr. Thomas in terms of encouraging the building of sidewalks, and noted Business Loop 70 East was unapproachable to her by bicycle, sidewalk, or bus, so she was unable to frequent many of the businesses. She asked if the construction of the sidewalk would be at a cost to the City if the option of the applicant providing easements was approved. Mr. Teddy replied the cost to build the sidewalk would be at the City's cost in that scenario. He explained this sidewalk was on the Sidewalk Master Plan so it was actually a City project if the City were to build it, subject to the availability of funding. Ms. Gortmaker stated she hoped the Council would agree with the original staff recommendation and require the sidewalk to be built now.

Cody Darr, an engineer with A Civil Group, explained they had requested this item be tabled to allow it to be considered by the entire Council. He understood the undergrounding of electric lines along the Business Loop was in process, and that there would be an excellent chance the sidewalk would have to be removed when the undergrounding occurred at this location due to the narrowness of the corridor.

Mr. Thomas understood the applicant had been willing to pay a "in lieu of" fee for typical sidewalk construction costs to go into an escrow account until the time a sidewalk could be built, which would be after the electric lines were placed underground. Mr. Darr stated the applicant might still be willing, but pointed out it had not been discussed in detail.

Mr. Skala understood there was always a possibility of tax billing the property owner if the sidewalk variance was granted and money was not provided to be placed into escrow, so the City would not necessarily have to pay for the sidewalk in the future. Mr. Teddy replied tax billing the property owner was a possibility, but pointed out the City did not generally tax bill for sidewalks shown to be of critical need in the Sidewalk Master Plan.

Mr. Thomas understood Mr. Teddy had indicated the City did not tax bill property owners for sidewalks on the Sidewalk Master Plan, and asked for clarification. Mr. Teddy replied the policy resolution associated with the Sidewalk Master Plan process indicated the Master Plan would identify the sidewalks for which the City would pay 100 percent of the cost. He noted he could not recall the exact wording of the policy resolution, but believed it stated something similar.

Mr. Thomas asked if that would apply to this situation in that the applicant would not be required to build the sidewalk when a building was constructed. Mr. Teddy replied staff would require the building of a sidewalk in that situation. He explained the policy resolution identified routes the City would likely not tax bill for sidewalks. Mr. Thomas felt if the City tax billed for a section of sidewalk, the City would have that money to build a section of sidewalk in another location.

Mr. Thomas asked if they could accept a payment in lieu of building the sidewalk in order to construct the sidewalk at a future date after the electric lines were placed underground. Mr. Teddy replied he thought the Code allowed for a payment in lieu, and pointed out that was not a tax bill. Mr. Thomas asked why that had not been discussed any further by staff. Mr. Teddy replied he had not been a party to that discussion so he was not sure, and noted staff had evaluated this as a variance request.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp suggested they table this item and continue the discussion at the August 3, 2015 Council Meeting. He hoped the questions asked by Council would inform the staff presentation at that August 3, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Peters stated she would support the motion to table this issue, and assumed they would receive more information at the next meeting.

The motion made by Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp and seconded by Mr. Skala to table B180-15 to the August 3, 2015 Council Meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B181-15 Approving the Final Plat of The Gates, Plat No. 2 & 3 located southeast of the intersection of Old Plank Road and Abbotsbury Lane; authorizing a performance contract.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked for clarification regarding the comment on stormwater regulations as it indicated there would be another 19 acres when further platting was completed and that it was only a 21 acre plot. Mr. Teddy replied he agreed it was confusing. He explained The Gates, as originally approved about 10 years ago, involved more lots and more land disturbance based on how the street system followed the contours of the land. This applicant, which was a new owner, had approached the City a couple of years ago with a different layout that happened to be lower in density. He pointed out the previous developer had designed the subdivision under the old stormwater rules, and the new developer wanted an incentive to be able to construct a lower density subdivision. The result was for the developer to provide a more environmentally-friendly development layout and a minimum of 19 acres with stormwater best management practices (BMPs) that met all of the new standards. Some of it had been vested, and the rest was still to come for full compliance with the stormwater rules.

B181-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B185-15 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking on a portion of the east side of Fay Street.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Nichols provided a staff report.

Mr. Thomas understood the Fire Department had indicated there were access problems when cars were parked on the west side of Fay Street in front of the Woodruff Sweitzer building in terms of safety. Mr. Nichols stated the preference of the Fire Department would be for parking to be removed on both sides of the street, but the tenants wanted parking to remain on the west side of the street, which he thought could be accommodated at this time even though the Fire Department could ask for something different in the future. He noted staff was suggesting restricting parking on the east side and allowing parking on the west side.

Mr. Thomas asked if the sidewalk on the east side that had been constructed by the Logboat Brewing Company had a raised curb. Mr. Nichols replied he believed it had a raised curb.

Dan Cullimore, 715 Lyon Street, explained he was the President of the North Central Columbia Neighborhood Association (NCCNA), which had been in existence since 1993, and as a Board Member and now President, he had signed up to receive e-mail notifications about City events, planning meetings, road closures, and a host of other occurrences that might be important for the neighborhood. He commented that he routinely received post cards announcing meetings that had already occurred, and were written after the fact informing him a meeting had been held on a particular date. He pointed out he had not received notice of the possibility of removing parking on Fay Street, and noted he would have

attempted to initiate a conversation with the neighbors and neighborhood businesses most likely to be affected had he received notification so the NCCNA could have taken a position on this issue. He commented that the NCCNA valued their business neighbors and had defended parking for Orr Street businesses in the past. He stated he was not sure what the NCCNA would have done in this situation, but believed they should have had the chance to confer with businesses and residents. He asked the Council to direct the City Manager to ensure proper notification of items such as planning meetings and code amendments be sent to all affected neighborhood associations in addition to the affected property owners. In terms of the substance of this request, he wondered why this issue had not been adequately addressed during the zoning or building permit process for the Logboat Brewing Company several years ago. He questioned how planning and construction was allowed to proceed in a manner where the result was limited access to emergency vehicles, and noted it was difficult to drive down Fay Street in a private vehicle when there was parking on both sides of the street. He also questioned why the property owner was required to build a sidewalk in a location that narrowed street passage. He stated he believed these were serious failures in planning. He asked the Council to direct the City Manager to create a list of all departments from which and all actions of which neighborhood associations should receive notice. He felt each City department should be directed and supported to systematically create an effective notification system, which was periodically evaluated and updated. He suggested the Council set a deadline for establishment of this notification process.

Pat Fowler, 606 N. Sixth Street, wondered why the request of the Fire Department to restrict parking on both sides of Fay Street was not being taken more seriously. She commented that the NCCNA had already experienced a traumatic fire, and asked that this safety issue be given more serious consideration.

Mr. Skala asked for clarification regarding the notification process in terms of neighborhood associations and the construction of the sidewalk by Logboat Brewing Company. Mr. Nichols replied neighborhood associations had not been included in the notification of street closures in the past, but noted they could be included in the future. Typically only the property owners adjacent to the parking prohibition were notified.

Ms. Peters agreed with Ms. Fowler in that they might want to consider prohibiting parking on both sides if they were concerned with the ability of fire trucks to get through Fay Street. She noted she also agreed with Mr. Cullimore in that this should have been anticipated, but now that they had this street, she wondered if they wanted to allow parking on either side. Mr. Nichols explained the feedback from the tenants was that they wanted the parking to remain on the west side and staff believed the Fire Department could make that work even though they preferred to not have such a tight corridor.

Mr. Nichols pointed out he could not address the platting or sidewalk and building construction issues and concerns. Mr. Teddy thought many developers engaged neighborhoods voluntarily, and noted this might have been part of the permitting process. He explained the City did not have a process of notification if the proper zoning was already in place. Mr. Skala asked if the sidewalk had been constructed when this property had been commercialized. Mr. Teddy replied yes, and stated the sidewalk had been constructed when the building was constructed.

Mr. Skala commented that they had to defer to the Fire Department in terms of safety, but thought they would almost always suggest parking be prohibited on both sides of the street, and noted this issue could be revisited in the future if it did not resolve the problem adequately.

Ms. Peters understood there were three pictures showing the fire trucks getting through with cars on one side, which illustrated it could be done.

Mr. Thomas suggested they only prohibit parking on the east side of Fay Street as recommended by staff. He stated he would be reluctant to prohibit parking on the west side as parking on streets created more livable streets, and traffic speeds would increase if parking was prohibited on both sides. The fire truck was able to get through with parking on only one side, and if a wide vehicle was parked on the west side, the fire truck could mount the sidewalk on the east side to get through. He commented that he believed the sidewalk was an important feature of the area and assumed the Logboat Brewing Company had to build it as part of redeveloping the property. He noted he was surprised the owner felt the sidewalk should be removed to widen the street, and stated he would not be supportive of that recommendation.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp stated he agreed with Mr. Thomas in that prohibiting parking on one side would not preclude them from removing it from the other side if it became necessary as there were safety risks associated with removing it on both sides. He explained he had noticed an increase in traffic speeds since parking had been prohibited on a section of his street.

B185-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B200-15 Appropriating funds for the installation of dusk to dawn lights along the interior trail and walkways at Stephens Lake Park.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Griggs provided a staff report.

Ms. Peters asked if these lights would be installed prior to this year's Roots 'N Blues 'N BBQ Festival. Mr. Griggs replied that was the goal.

Mr. Skala commented that he did not intend to suggest there should not be lights at Stephens Lake Park.

Mr. Thomas asked if solar powered lights could be utilized and for the payback period for such lights. Mr. Griggs replied solar lights were utilized in some parks, but they were not reliable on cloudy and rainy days since the battery power could not build up enough to last throughout the night. He pointed out they tended to work in very dark areas, such as Philips Lake Park, because even a candle appeared to be bright in those locations.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, suggested they utilize solar powered lights if at all possible, and recommended a solar powered light with dimming ability.

Richard King, 109 W. Parkway Drive, commented that the two most negative items in terms of feedback received after hosting the Roots 'N Blues 'N BBQ Festival at Stephens Lake Park was the lack of water, which had been addressed, and the lack of lighting. Beyond the desires of the Roots 'N Blues 'N BBQ festival, he thought some lighting was important for safety purposes since the Park was open until 11:00 p.m. year round.

Greg Ahrens, 1504 Sylvan Lane, understood the sidewalk traveled to the end of Stephens Lake Park, and this sidewalk was the public sidewalk for East Walnut Street. He also understood some people commuted from the neighborhoods to the shops on Conley Road early in the morning or late at night so he believed lighting on the entire stretch of sidewalk would be beneficial.

Mr. Skala explained he was in favor of lighting in Stephens Lake Park, and his intention was to help determine the best options so the lights were efficient. He commented that sometimes lighting in certain areas encouraged mischief, and lights with motion sensors drew attention to that mischief. He stated he was supportive of the lighting recommended by staff based on the specifications listed in the clarification document, but wanted motion detectors or dimming features incorporated as well as he felt that would be more amenable to the residents when there was not high use at the Park. He thought due diligence was needed in terms of the park users and the residents.

Ms. Peters asked if there was a way for the lighting to be on from dusk to 11:00 p.m. or midnight, and to then be switched to a motion sensor. Mr. Griggs replied he was not sure. He knew they could shut the lights off at a certain time, but he was not sure if they could activate a motion sensor at a certain time. He noted they could look into that capability and determine whether they could afford it if it existed. Mr. Thomas commented that a good system would be for 2-3 lights to come on as a person passed one light pole.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp stated he had mixed feelings with regard to lighting in general as he tended to mourn the dark skies of his childhood and was sad for future generations that would see fewer and fewer stars. In urban living, however, lighting helped with safety and convenience factors. He stated Parkade Baptist Church had lit up its area during a big remodel, and agreed it felt safer. He had also noticed more people being out at night because it was lit up. As a result, he believed this would be a positive amenity for Stephens Lake Park. It was a thoughtful lighting plan and the move to LED lights was good.

Mr. Thomas stated he agreed staff had designed a really good project with lower poles, high-efficiency LED lights, directionality, and shielding so lighting did not spillover, and believed it was a needed amenity in the Park at all times. He commented that he liked the suggestion of Mr. Ahrens of continuing the lighting to the east end of the Park because it functioned as a sidewalk for many people, and asked staff to keep that in mind for the future.

B200-15 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B178-15 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.**
- B179-15 Changing the uses allowed on C-P zoned property located on the southeast corner of Lenoir Street and Roosevelt Avenue (4130 and 4150 S. Lenoir Street); approving a revised statement of intent.**
- B182-15 Approving the Final Plat of Willow Falls, Plat No. 1 located west of the terminus of Blue Ridge Road and Clydesdale Drive and north of Prairie Lane; authorizing a performance contract.**
- B183-15 Approving the Final Plat of Sarrazin Estate Subdivision located on the south side of I-70 Drive SE and west of St. Charles Road (5108 I-70 Drive SE); authorizing a performance contract.**

- B184-15 Authorizing construction of the Ridgemont Road PCCE #20 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B186-15 Authorizing an inter-governmental cooperative agreement with the County of Boone and The Curators of the University of Missouri for assessment of bacteria levels in Hinkson Creek.
- B187-15 Authorizing a financial assistance agreement with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for the purchase of commercial recycling compactors; appropriating funds.
- B188-15 Authorizing application for transit planning, operating and capital assistance grants.
- B189-15 Appropriating Federal Aviation Administration grant funds and transportation sales tax funds for costs relating to the reconstruction of Runway 13-31 and Taxiway B at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B190-15 Appropriating funds for costs associated with advertising for the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B191-15 Accepting conveyances for sewer, street, sidewalk, drainage and utility and temporary construction purposes.
- B192-15 Authorizing a banner attachment agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri to allow for the attachment of banners to City light standards in the campus area.
- B193-15 Appropriating funds for the upgrade of the control room at the Municipal Power Plant.
- B194-15 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.
- B195-15 Authorizing a license agreement with Bates County, Missouri for use of the City of Columbia police canine tracking software program.
- B196-15 Authorizing an agreement with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to perform pool inspections in accordance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.
- B197-15 Accepting a donation to be used for the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement Awards; appropriating funds.
- B198-15 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership of the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council.
- B199-15 Authorizing an artist's commission agreement with Don Asbee for the design and fabrication of a memorial bench to be placed in the Grindstone Nature Area in memory of Kim Scholl; appropriating funds.
- B201-15 Amending the FY 2015 Annual Budget by adding positions in the Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department; amending the FY 2015 Annual Budget by deleting a position in the Parks and Recreation Department; amending the FY 2015 Classification and Pay Plan to add positions.
- B202-15 Authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Boone relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and the allocation of FY 2015 funding.
- R115-15 Setting a public hearing: replacement and upgrade of a water main along Manor Drive, between Broadway and Rollins Road.

- R116-15 Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the annual Harvest Hootenanny fundraising event.**
- R117-15 Granting temporary waivers from the requirement of Section 24-151 of the City Code to allow mobile food vending trucks to operate at the Wabash Station for the North Village Arts District First Friday events.**
- R118-15 Authorizing an agreement with North East Community Action Corporation for the provision of Title X family planning services.**
- R119-15 Transferring funds for the relocation of utilities as part of the Scott Boulevard Phase III street improvement project (Vawter School Road to Route KK).**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- R120-15 Placing on file for a period of ninety (90) days certain uniform codes relating to building, mechanical, plumbing and electric construction and fire prevention.**

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, commented that he understood these were being placed on file prior to adoption so anyone could view the code books. He suggested the City make access to the code books easier, not only during the adoption process, but throughout the year after adoption.

Ms. Peters asked where the code books could be found after the 90 day period. Mr. Teddy replied the Community Development Department maintained multiple hard copies. They could also provide links to the on-line code books, but it was very difficult to read in that only one section could be viewed at a time. He recommended anyone inquiring about the code books to come to them with the subject matter so they could direct them to the source text. Ms. Thompson pointed out a copy was on file in the City Clerk's Office as well. The purpose of this resolution was to put the public on notice that the City was considering a revision or update.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp noted it usually took more time than 90 days for the commissions to review and make recommendations to the Council, and for the Council to then make a decision as to whether to adopt the code books. Mr. Teddy pointed out this discussion was associated with Chapters 6 and 9 of the Code of Ordinances, and those sections were where the public could see any modification made to the model code books.

Mr. Skala suggested the Community Development Department place a note where appropriate to indicate the document could be viewed at the City Clerk's Office or the Community Development Department.

The vote on R120-15 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SKALA, THOMAS, PETERS, TRAPP. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER, MCDAVID, RUFFIN. 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.

- B203-15 Approving a major revision to the C-P Plan for Boone County Fire Protection District Station #14 located on the northeast corner of Scott Boulevard and Vawter School Road.
- B204-15 Approving the Replat and Final Plat of Vesser's Subdivision Plat No. 2 located on the west side of Fifth Street, between Turner Avenue and Conley Avenue; authorizing a performance contract.
- B205-15 Vacating a utility easement on Lot 201 within Heritage Village, Plat No. 2 located on the southeast corner of Sinclair Road and Southampton Drive.
- B206-15 Vacating a utility easement on Lot 105 within The Gates, Plat No. 1 located on the east side of Hepscott Court (7302 Hepscott Court).
- B207-15 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish a 10-hour parking zone on a portion of the south side of Conley Avenue, between Fourth Street and Fifth Street.
- B208-15 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to transportation fares.
- B209-15 Accepting a donation from the Downtown Community Improvement District for construction of a suspended pavement tree planter and stormwater treatment cell in the downtown area; appropriating and transferring funds.
- B210-15 Authorizing the replacement and upgrade of a water main along Manor Drive, between Broadway and Rollins Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B211-15 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.
- B212-15 Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC local agency nutrition services.
- B213-15 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the development and maintenance of a registry of volunteer health professionals as it relates to the Medical Reserve Corps.
- B214-15 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for public health emergency preparedness services.
- B215-15 Appropriating funds for the provision of Title X family planning services as part of the agreement with North East Community Action Corporation.
- B216-15 Appropriating funds for Share the Light Program.
- B217-15 Authorizing a school resource officer agreement with the Columbia Public School District.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

- REP73-15 FY 2016 Annual Budget – North 763 Community Improvement District.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

- REP74-15 FY 2016 Annual Budget – Downtown Community Improvement District.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

REP75-15 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

Mr. Thomas understood a total of \$2.7 million would be transferred from the annual inflow and infiltration program and the annual sewer program to the FY 2015 sewer main and manhole fund, and asked for clarification. Mr. Matthes replied these were all closely related projects, and when the budget was created, they had estimated the amounts needed. It was all still inflow and infiltration work, but would be moved to another fund.

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, commented that he had listened to the sidewalk variance discussion and believed that process was a mess. He was concerned about the idea that the sidewalks in the Sidewalk Master Plan would completely be funded by the public. He understood the policy pre-dated the comprehensive planning process, and suggested it be revisited. He also believed the criteria for granting the variances should be revisited as he was not sure the future removal of a sidewalk should be considered if they wanted to enhance and support non-motorized transportation.

Mr. Clark stated he agreed with Mr. Cullimore with the issue of a lack of notification to neighborhood associations, and encouraged the Council to include notification in the neighborhood policy.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, stated he would like to know how the money generated by community improvement districts (CIDs) was being spent. He wanted to ensure the money had been received and was being spent properly. He suggested this issue be further discussed in the future with CID representatives.

Byrde King, 3508 Greeley Drive, stated she was present to discuss B167-15, which involved a parking restriction on Greeley Drive. She explained she had received a letter dated May 18, 2015, which had indicated this issue would be discussed at the June 15, 2015 meeting, but it had not been discussed then, so they had assumed nothing would be done. On July 16, her husband had spoken with a City staff person who had informed him a meeting had taken place on July 6, 2015 and that parking had been prohibited on the south side of Greeley Drive by the Council instead of the north side of Greeley Drive, even though the May 18 letter had indicated parking would be restricted on the north side. She asked why this change was made. She commented that people had been parking on the south side of Greeley Drive since 1990 and not very many people parked on the north side. She noted there were mainly apartments on the north side while homeowners resided on the south side, and wondered why homeowners would be required to move vehicles to the other side of the street. In addition, parking on the north side would make it difficult for those residents to get their mail if the mailboxes were blocked. She commented that they did not want any parking restrictions because they did not feel there were any issues, but if a restriction was needed, she believed the north side should be restricted instead of the south side.

Richard King, 3508 Greeley Drive, explained the letter they had received had indicated a parking restriction on the north side of Greeley Drive would be considered by the Council, and noted they could have lived with that change if necessary since very few people parked on the north side, but they had thought no restriction would be implemented since it had not been addressed by Council at the June 15,

2015 meeting. He then saw a City engineer on his street that had informed him parking would be restricted on the south side instead. He wondered why that would be done without any notification. He commented that he had been offended when viewing the July 6, 2015 meeting as he was referred to as a nuisance since his kids parked along the street, and noted they only parked along the areas where they put the trash and where he mowed. He pointed out he had lived in that residence for 25 years, and had helped to build a few homes on that street. He understood Mr. Skala had indicated he had spoken with the residents and noted he had not spoken with him. In addition, the one person Mr. Skala had spoken with did not even live on the street. He noted the fire hydrants and the mailboxes were on the north side so it made more sense to restrict parking on the north side. He believed all of the facts should be considered before implying a nuisance existed, and he did not feel this situation was a nuisance.

Mr. Skala commented that he believed there might have been some misunderstandings with regard to the Greeley Drive situation and the process by which the Council considers proposed bills. The meeting date referred to in the letter was the meeting at which the bill was under the Introduction and First Reading section of the agenda, and the usual process was to not take up the issue at that time since it was an announcement to the public that a public discussion would be held at the next meeting. He pointed out he did not visit the neighbors on Greeley Drive, and explained those people had come to him. He noted Mr. King had not come to him, and that might have been due to the misunderstanding and assumption that the issue would not be further discussed. He commented that this had been discussed because there was a public safety issue per the Fire Department, and the engineers and the Fire Department had not had a preference as to which side of the street parking would be restricted. He understood there were encroachments on driveways, which was another public safety issue, and since there was not a way to stripe adequate sight distances from the driveways, they felt the parking restriction might assist. He reiterated the parking restriction on the south side was an attempt to alleviate the fire and parking problems. He stated he had characterized it as a nuisance since that was the feedback he had received from the people that came to see him about this issue, and pointed out he had not intended to insult anyone or only accommodate some of the residents.

Ms. King suggested the parking restriction be changed so it was restricted on the north side of Greeley Drive instead of the south side. She commented that they were not blocking any driveways, and the lady that resided next door was not a homeowner.

Mr. Skala stated he would be happy to talk to Ms. King after the meeting or at another time.

Mr. Skala asked for a report regarding policies for notification of neighborhood associations by all City departments.

Mr. Skala asked if there had been a formal request for the Environment and Energy Commission (EEC) to review building codes, and noted he would like to make that request if it had not been done. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp replied he thought it had been noted in the staff memo.

Mr. Thomas commented that there were signs for major parks and trail projects indicating the cost of the project, how it was funded, etc., and asked if the same was done for sewer projects. Mr. Matthes replied he did not believe it was done for sewer projects. Mr. Thomas suggested it be considered.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp stated he had intended to remove B182-15, which involved the Final Plat of Willow Falls, from the consent agenda, and had not because of the unavailability of the applicant. Since it was a final plat, it was a ministerial action with no discretion on the part of Council. He noted he only wanted to convey to the developer and his engineer that it was a preference of some of the neighbors in that area for Blue Ridge Road to be completed in an earlier phase. He understood that request could not be accommodated because the developer would not be able to obtain the financing to build the road since they were not sure how it would develop or if they would be able to follow through with their plans. They would build it out in phases, and if there was demand for the properties, they would build it out in larger phases. He commented that they all wanted connectivity in terms of fire and police being able to get to their property, but did not want connectivity when people drove by their homes and did not live nearby. As a result, the people on Blue Ridge Road were happy this subdivision would develop slowly. He stated the feelings were mixed, but believed connectivity was good overall, and something the Council should encourage as subdivisions were laid out. He noted Columbia had poor connectivity, which was reflected by the way snow was plowed, transit operated, etc. It made more sense in the long run to move toward a more dense and walkable community with good connectivity.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Trapp commented that he appreciated Mr. Matthes raising the issue of the African American unemployment rate in his State of the City report as it highlighted an intractable and disturbing problem of inequity in terms of social classes and race in Columbia where there was a below average overall unemployment rate. He explained his neighbor and friend, Luther Walton, had been unemployed for five years, and regardless of his situation he would say he was blessed, a special form of gratitude, when he was asked how he was doing. He noted Mr. Walton had had asked him to help him get a job, so he had provided him his card and told him he would serve as a personal reference. He had also helped him with his resume and a job search strategy. He explained Mr. Walton had a real scary background based on mistakes made in the past, but also had a good attitude and willingness to work. He noted Mr. Walton would appreciate any opportunity at any wage and provided Mr. Walton's phone number in case anyone had a job. He stated Mr. Walton had served his debt to society and deserved another chance. He explained he unfortunately did not have a job to give Mr. Walton, and could not recommend to City government that they give Mr. Walton a job because that would force him to immediately vacate his seat. He asked anyone, except the City of Columbia, to consider giving Mr. Walton a chance.

Mr. Thomas stated he had been sent photo of flooding on Stewart Road, just west of Providence Road, when the City had received about three inches of rain in a couple of hours. He asked that the issue be looked into by staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk