

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**  
**APRIL 9, 2007**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a special session at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 2007, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN and CRAYTON were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hindman stated they had two outgoing Council members, Bob Hutton and Jim Loveless, who had done outstanding work and served a combined total of twenty years on the Council. He commented that they always made decisions based on what they thought was best for the community and commended them for their great work. He thanked them for their service on behalf of the Council, City staff and the people present in the audience. He noted they would be missed.

**(A) Comments of Mr. Hutton, Outgoing Third Ward Council Member**

Mr. Hutton thanked the people of the Third Ward for giving him the opportunity to serve on the City Council for a total of twelve years. When he served on the Council the first time from 1989 to 1995, the MKT trail and wetlands projects were just getting started and since that time had been expanded. He stated Columbia was a good town that continued to thrive and grow. He believed Columbia was a good place to live because it continued to grow. During his latest term on Council, he was involved with the purchase and development of Stephens Lake Park, the building of the ARC, the expansion of City buildings to include the remodeling of the Daniel Boone Building and the expansion of the City's trail and park system. He commented that he believed Columbians should be very proud of the utility network, which included not only water and electric, but parking, sewer and stormwater utilities. He pointed out they were dependable and had low rates compared to other communities. He believed this was a reflection of the great City staff and thanked the staff for the work they did. Mr. Hutton thanked his wife, Linda, for supporting him and offering advice. He truly appreciated her allowing him to serve on the City Council because it was a team effort since he was away from home a lot. He introduced his daughter, Laura, who had grown up with the City Council and thanked her since he missed part of her childhood, particularly during his first tenure on the Council. He estimated that in twelve years he was involved with the passage of about 7,200 pieces of legislation and in hindsight had regrets in regard to his vote on some of them, but noted it was not from a lack of trying. He commented that he had been there for one reason, his love for Columbia, and tried to do his best for the

City. He congratulated Mr. Skala and wished him well in his time on the Council. He again thanked his family and the people of the Third Ward for allowing him to serve.

**(B) Comments of Mr. Loveless, Outgoing Fourth Ward Council Member**

Mr. Loveless stated he believed these past six years had been productive and successful. He felt they left the City in a better condition than when they began their service. He thanked the people of the Fourth Ward for the privilege of representing them and their confidence in his judgment. He also thanked City staff, noting they were the finest public servants around. He commented that they were dedicated, dynamic and professional people. He reiterated that he felt all of the Councils for the past six years had been productive. He noted they not only respected each other, but also tried hard to like each other, which showed. He thanked his fellow Council Members and stated it had been fun. He also thanked and introduced his wife, Connie, noting she was the stabilizing center of his life and without her support his service to the Council would not have been possible.

**(C) Presentation to Outgoing Council Member Hutton**

Mr. Hutton joined Mayor Hindman and Mr. Watkins at the podium. Mayor Hindman presented Mr. Hutton with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing his years of service on the Council, a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in his honor in the park of his choice and a silver tray for his service as Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Hindman also presented Mrs. Hutton with a corsage and expressed the Council's appreciation for her help and efforts over the past six years.

On behalf of the City staff, Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Hutton for his dedicated service. Mr. Watkins presented Mr. Hutton with his nameplate, a glass tile with the City logo, and a gift from City staff.

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On behalf of the City staff, Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Loveless for his dedicated service. Mr. Watkins presented Mr. Loveless with his nameplate, a glass tile with the City logo, and a gift from City staff.

Mayor Hindman presented Mrs. Loveless with a corsage and expressed the Council's appreciation for her help and efforts over the past six years.

**(E) Oath of Office – Mayor Hindman**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Mayor Hindman and presented him with a framed Commission of Office.

**(F) Oath of Office – Council Members Skala and Wade**

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

**(G) Comments by Mayor Hindman**

Mayor Hindman stated he was very proud to have served as Mayor of Columbia for the last twelve years and thanked the citizens of Columbia for their support and returning him to another three year term. He thanked his Campaign Committee and introduced the Chair, Mary Anne McCollum, who he commented was noted as the Mayor that preceded him and the only female Mayor of the City of Columbia. He thanked his wife, Axie, who provided him wonderful support during his tenure, and his daughter, Ellen Thomas, and her family, to include his grandchildren, Emily and Jack, who represented the future of Columbia. Mayor Hindman noted Columbia was a wonderful City with a government that did an excellent job. The Council, who worked very hard, was only a part of that system. Columbia also had an outstanding staff that was dedicated and did an excellent job. He commented that it had been a pleasure to work with past Councils. He noted past Councils had been made up of people from every possible persuasion and they had always been able to work together to make it a successful City. He knew that was the way it would be in the future as well and was looking forward to working with this Council.

**(H) Comments by Council Member Skala**

Mr. Skala stated it had been a privilege to deal with the Council the last few years. He thanked the citizens of the Third Ward for giving him this opportunity and his wife for supporting him. He thanked his daughter, Ashley, who he noted did most of the graphic design for the campaign. He commented that everyone loved this City and worked hard to make it a better place. He thanked his opponent as well, noting it was a wonderful campaign. He stated he believed the answer to most problems was empowerment and empowering people to take advantage of what they had to offer. He understood twenty-one people had volunteered to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission and he did not believe that had ever happened before. He commented that he believed empowerment would eventually lead to community and thanked Mr. Watkins for moving forward with the Visioning Process. He stated he understood they had to grow for economic vitality and asked that they try to grow together.

**(I) Comments by Council Member Wade**

Mr. Wade thanked those who voted for him, those that gave generous donations of support and time, the people who opened their homes to host campaign events and yard signs, the people that assisted in the door to door campaign and his Campaign Committee. He recognized his mother-in-law, Betty Green, a nine year Mayor of Kimberling City. He thanked his daughter and son-in-law, Kim Wade and David Bones, for their supportive, and his tireless campaigners, his grandchildren, Sophie and Elliott. He noted the Fourth Ward was important to him because that was where his grandchildren were growing up. He thanked his partner in life of 42 years, Edge. He also thanked everyone else who gave so

unselfishly. He stated he was eager to serve and was looking forward to working with City staff and his fellow Council Members.

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

Mr. Watkins thanked both Mr. Hutton and Mr. Loveless for their service on the City Council and welcomed Mr. Skala and Mr. Wade. He acknowledged the City staff, who he noted was a network of qualified professionals. He thanked his wife, Kathy, of 33 years for everything she did and recognized the senior City staff in the audience.

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

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

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

Mayor Hindman made appointments to the following committees:

CABLE TELEVISION

Chris Janku  
Barbara Hoppe  
Laura Nauser

CONLEY POOR FUND

Almeta Crayton  
Karl Skala  
Jerry Wade

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk