

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 16, 2009

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2009, in the Council Chambers of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE (Mr. Wade left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.), HOPPE and HIINDMAN were present. Council Member NAUSER 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 February 2, 2009 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Wade and a second by Mr. Skala.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Watkins noted they had a request to table B26-09 and R44-09, and because R44-09 was on the consent agenda, it would need to be moved to new business. He also pointed out they needed to remove R42-09 from the agenda entirely and add a report to the agenda.

Mr. Wade made a motion to remove R44-09 from the consent agenda and place it under new business, eliminate R42-09 from the agenda and add Report K, which involved the Vision Commission, to the reports section of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Wade and a second by Mr. Skala.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Mayor Hindman recognized Boy Scout Troop #701. The scouts were in attendance for their communications badges.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B26-09 Voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Rolling Hills Road, extended, approximately one mile north of State Route WW; establishing permanent R-1 zoning.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor Hindman noted the applicant was requesting that this item be tabled to the March 16, 2009 Council meeting.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Wade made the motion to table B26-09 to the March 16, 2009 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

There being no comment, Mayor Hindman continued the public hearing to the March 16, 2009 Council meeting.

R44-09 Approving the Preliminary Plat of Hawthorne Woods located east of Rolling Hills Drive, extended, approximately one mile north of State Route WW; granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations.

Mayor Hindman noted R44-09 was a companion to B26-09 and the applicant had requested that item be tabled to the March 16, 2009 Council meeting as well. He suggested they go ahead and address it versus waiting until new business.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to table R44-09 to the March 16, 2009 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B27-09 Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of I-70 Drive Southeast, generally southwest of the I-70 and St. Charles Road interchange; establishing permanent C-3 zoning.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this request involved the voluntarily annexation of a one acre tract of land lying southeast of the present City limits in the eastern part of the City. The request was for C-3 as permanent City zoning. The present Boone County zoning for the property was C-G and roughly equivalent to City C-3 zoning. The applicant indicated the annexation and permanent zoning were being requested in order to allow for connection to City sewer. The subject site was improved with an 824 foot single family residence. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the requested C-3 zoning.

Mr. Teddy noted staff and the Commission had considered the alternative zoning of a planned business district, but agreed this property was a good candidate for C-3 due its small size and it being contiguous to other property with similar zoning. They felt there were some environmental constraints on the site that would self-limit development. In addition, he did not believe they would see a C-3 plan that would differ in any great respect from a C-P Plan.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

Robert Hollis, an attorney with offices at 1103 E. Broadway, stated he was representing the applicant and was available to answer questions.

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

B27-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B28-09 Voluntary annexation of property located 1,000 feet southeast of Old Mill Creek Road, west of Sinclair Road (4760 Mill Creek Road); establishing permanent R-1 zoning.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this voluntary annexation involved a five acre tract in south Columbia, just southeast of Old Mill Creek Road. The applicant wanted to tie into City sewers and the requested permanent zoning was R-1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Mr. Teddy noted the subject property was part of a recent Boone County approved subdivision and had an access easement connecting it to Old Mill Creek Road.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

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

B28-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

(A) Voluntary annexation of property located southwest of the intersection of Route K and South Hill Creek Road (6591 and 6601 South Hill Creek Road).

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this was a required public hearing and no council action was necessary. The applicants were requesting R-1 zoning. The property was currently zoned County R-S and A-2, which was roughly equivalent to City R-1 zoning. The annexation was being requested to permit the extension of public sewer services to the sites. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended R-1 zoning as permanent zoning on both properties.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

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

OLD BUSINESS

B30-09 Authorizing construction of Clark Lane, from Route PP to St. Charles Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained the 2005 capital improvement ballot issue contained a number of streets and this portion of Clark Lane was one of the projects the Council elected to use this ballot issue money towards. It went roughly from Route PP to St. Charles Road. It was a joint project with Boone County, so part of it was being paid for by the County. The estimated construction cost was about \$5 million. Approximately \$750,000 of the \$5 million would come from various development agreements along Clark Lane.

Mr. Skala noted they had spent some time talking about this project and understood there had been some reservations with regard to grade. He commented that this was a little beyond the County in the east and a little beyond The Links property to the west to connect to Route PP, and was a public-private partnership improvement. He reiterated that there were some questions about grade in terms of the round-a-bout, but he deferred to the engineers in terms of adjusting and moving those for safety purposes. He commented that anything on Clark Lane and the Ballenger corridor was very much appreciated. He stated they were talking about a nice improvement that would dump 1,500-1,600 additional cars on the Ballenger corridor, which was an unimproved two lane road. He understood that portion was not part of the 2005 ballot issue and that funds were limited, but noted he would continue pressing for improvements on the balance of that road because it did not make sense to improve both ends while having a two lane unimproved road in the middle. Generally speaking, everyone supported the improvements on this corridor as they were very much needed.

B30-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B31-09 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for the construction of Clark Lane, from Route PP to St. Charles Road.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this authorized the acquisition of easements needed for the project Council just directed staff to move forward with. He pointed out the easements would be coming from 28 separate property owners.

Mr. Skala asked where they were in the process of negotiations or condemnations for easements. Mr. Watkins replied they would now begin negotiations. He explained it was always the City's intent to try to reach an agreement, but noted it was also not their practice to allow one or two people to hold up a \$5 million project for an outlandish request. He stated they always used appraisals to begin the negotiation process. They also suggested the people potentially providing easements obtain their own appraisal. Mr. Skala asked if the Council would be advised if there was an outlandish request or if someone was holding up the process. Mr. Watkins replied they could advise the Council, but pointed out the Council would be authorizing staff to proceed by approving this and that was what they would do.

B31-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B32-09 Authorizing a right of use permit with Boone Hospital Center for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a decorative roundabout with low planter box, decorative median, corridor light poles and decorative landscaped islands with a median wall within portions of William Street and Bass Avenue rights-of-way.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this was the authorization for a right of use permit for the right-of-way of parts of William Street and Bass Avenue.

Ms. Hoppe commented that this appeared to be a very good plan, which was very attractive and functional, and was glad to see it.

Mayor Hindman stated he was very excited about it and thought it was a great precedent for other institutions to follow.

Mr. Skala commented that this was the epitome of a public-private partnership as the private part contributed more money than the public part. He stated he was very appreciative.

B32-09 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- B29-09 Approving the Final Plat of Linkside at Old Hawthorne, Plat 1 located on the west side of Old Hawthorne Drive East, north of State Route WW; authorizing a performance contract.
- B33-09 Accepting conveyances for sewer, utility, street and drainage purposes.
- B34-09 Appropriating funds to balance the FY 2008 water operations budget.
- B35-09 Appropriating funds for the production of instructional videos on healthy cooking and eating for the Health Department.
- R30-09 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the north side of Route K, 100 feet west of Old Village Road (971 West Route K).
- R31-09 Setting a public hearing: considering Addendum No. 1 to the 2004 Wastewater Systems Facilities Planning Report on Wastewater Collection and Treatment.
- R32-09 Setting a public hearing: construction of a water main serving The Village at Wyndham Ridge, Plat 1.
- R33-09 Authorizing an extension to the agreement with the Central Missouri Humane Society for animal control services.
- R34-09 Accepting a donation of safety gear from the Columbia Police Foundation to be used by the Police Department SWAT team for Simunition® training.
- R35-09 Authorizing an agreement with Sustainable Farms & Communities, Inc. for the lease of city-owned property located on the west side of Clinkscates Road for the operation of a farmers' market.
- R36-09 Authorizing agreements with Little League Baseball – Missouri District and Show-Me STATE GAMES for sports development funding under the Tourism Development Program.
- R37-09 Authorizing an agreement with *Inside Columbia* magazine for Festival and Event Funding under the Tourism Development Program for the 2009 Wine & Food Festival.
- R38-09 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend - Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 20 - 25, 2009; authorizing the City Manager to provide support services for the Memorial Day activities planned by that organization; and authorizing a parachute jump onto Broadway.
- R39-09 Transferring control of the Old Perche Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant property from the Public Works Department to the Parks and Recreation Department; transferring funds.
- R40-09 Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering services relating to improvements to the Providence Road and Business Loop 70 intersection and the Providence Road and Green Meadows Road intersection to enhance pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular travel and safety.
- R41-09 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri relating to the Advancing Renewables in the Midwest Conference to promote understanding and increase awareness of renewable energy development and technologies.
- R43-09 Authorizing consent and agreement with TD Bank, N.A. and Ameresco Jefferson City LLC for the purchase of electricity from a landfill gas plant.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

NEW BUSINESS

R44-09 Approving the Preliminary Plat of Hawthorne Woods located east of Rolling Hills Drive, extended, approximately one mile north of State Route WW; granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations.

Mayor Hindman noted they had tabled this item with its companion item under the public hearing section of the meeting.

R45-09 Authorizing Amendment #2 to the agreement with Jeffrey L. Bruce & Company, LLC for professional landscape architectural services relating to the City Hall Plaza and Streetscape Project.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained Jeffrey L. Bruce was the consultant chosen by the Avenue of the Columns Committee several years ago to work on a streetscape plan for Eighth Street. They were subsequently used for the plaza area. They had worked with the other three corner property owners, which were First National Bank, the Atkins' and Boone County National Bank, and had agreed to move forward with improvements proposed as part of the Avenue of the Columns around that intersection. They were hoping that would be the first step to an entire streetscape improvement along Eighth Street. They were asking Council to authorize an amendment in order to move forward with the actual design of this piece of the streetscape. This would come back to Council for a public hearing as was done with any other public improvement.

Ms. Hoppe asked why they were replacing the raised planters. Mr. Watkins replied they were in the way. He commented that a planter had already been eliminated with the plaza design and they wanted all four corners to look the same, so they would be lowering the planter for a more gentle and rounded four corner area.

Ms. Hoppe understood other sidewalk projects downtown would be affected by this being funded and asked if the Special Business District (SBD) had been made aware of this. Mr. Watkins replied he believed they had. He understood they had been involved in the discussions to move forward. In addition, both banks had representatives on the SBD Board. He believed that as they moved forward with the actual design, the immediate stakeholders and other downtown people would be involved. They had put aside money for downtown sidewalks over the years, and while the City's share was not all they had put aside, it was a good chunk, so he wanted to ensure everyone understood they would not have as much for other downtown sidewalks as they moved forward with this. He stated they were proposing to pay the cost of the sidewalk along the City property. The current policy for the downtown was for the City to pay half of the cost. He noted the other property owners had put in almost \$250,000 for their share. Ms. Hoppe asked if a particular sidewalk project was being

knocked out as a result of this. Mr. Watkins replied they did not have a list they were pulling off of at this point.

Mr. Skala understood there was an initiative for the Avenue of the Columns in conjunction with the University and others some time ago and asked if these improvements were being integrated with that. He wondered if that plan was proceeding. Mr. Watkins replied it was, but explained they found it was expensive so they would have to do it in pieces. He believed they needed a catalytic project to get them started and the City Hall expansion was that project for the corner of Broadway and Eighth Street. He hoped that as funds became available or as other development occurred, they would see it move toward the University columns and the columns at the Courthouse.

Mr. Sturtz understood Jeffrey L. Bruce would work with the property owners. He asked if the SBD and other downtown Columbia associations would weigh in before it came back to the Council. Mr. Watkins replied he thought they would be involved in the discussions of the plans. He also expected them to pull together the old Avenue of the Columns Committee.

Mayor Hindman commented that with regard to the raised flower beds, Dan Burton, who was an expert on pedestrian activity, had come to Columbia and recommended the City lower the planters in the downtown. He saw them as interfering with being able to see on the street, If they were lowered, they would be as beautiful and people in wheelchairs and others could see better. He thought it was probably a long term adjustment they needed to make in the downtown.

The vote on R45-09 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA, WADE, HOPPE, HINDMAN. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSENT: NAUSER. 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.

- B36-09** **Voluntary annexation of property located southwest of the intersection of State Route K and South Hill Creek Road (6591 and 6601 South Hill Creek Road); establishing permanent R-1 zoning.**
- B37-09** **Rezoning property located between Monroe Street and Ammonette Street, west of North Old 63 (1807 and 1811 Monroe Street) from R-3 and C-3 to C-P; setting forth conditions for approval.**
- B38-09** **Approving the A. Perry Philips Park, Phase 1 PUD development plan located off Bristol Lake Parkway, east of Billingsly Drive; approving a revised statement of intent; granting a variance from the Subdivision Regulations relating to construction of an alternative sidewalk.**
- B39-09** **Vacating approximately 300-feet of a public alley located east of Dorsey Street, beneath the Dorsey Street Auditorium on the Stephens College campus.**
- B40-09** **Calling for bids for construction of the Bear Creek Trail Connections Project at Blue Ridge Road and Python Court.**

- B41-09 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish a 10-hour parking zone on the north side of Ash Street, between Orr Street and St. James Street.
- B42-09 Authorizing a cooperative agreement with Boone County relating to 2009 revenue sharing funds for the Waco Road intersection with Brown Station Road improvement project; appropriating funds.
- B43-09 Accepting a section of Rock Quarry Road and Capen Park Drive for ownership and maintenance from the Missouri Department of Transportation; authorizing a road relinquishment agreement.
- B44-09 Authorizing a break in limited access agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow limited access onto Providence Road (State Route 163) from Buttonwood Drive.
- B45-09 Authorizing the City Manager to apply to the United States Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for airport capital assistance grants.
- B46-09 Authorizing construction of a water main serving The Village at Wyndham Ridge, Plat 1 (Phase 1); providing for payment of differential costs.
- B47-09 Authorizing Amendment #1 to the agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for a water treatment analysis project.
- B48-09 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to public hearings on public improvement projects.
- B49-09 Accepting a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Division for a DWI enforcement project; appropriating funds.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

(A) Intra-departmental Transfer of Funds.

Mayor Hindman noted this report was provided for informational purposes.

(B) Social Services Funding Priorities.

Mr. Watkins explained this was a project assigned to the Community Services Advisory Commission. The Council had asked for some thoughts and guidelines as to how they might best allocate funding for social services contracts.

Ms. Browning commended the Commission for the work they did because they were very thoughtful in their approach. She noted they had made a few recommendations for changes in the upcoming year. They were recommending to take the employment related services out of basic needs and to move them into a new category they would call economic opportunity. They also wanted to change the label of the area that was now called senior and disabled services to independent living services. In addition, they had established what they believed to be a good recommendation of funding parameters for each of those areas. She noted the report provided the 2008 and 2009 City, County and combined funding by percentage of each area and a recommendation for the next year.

Mr. Janku commented that this grew out of a work session they had with the Commission, as the Council had asked them for their thoughts on how they could better proceed with their responsibilities. He understood it was their idea to have some Council

endorsed guidelines. He stated he was willing to defer to their expertise and was appreciative of their hard work.

Mr. Janku made a motion to authorize the Community Services Advisory Commission to implement the proposed changes as part of the FY 2010 allocation process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(C) Sanitary Sewer District 159 – City Clerk to Record the Notice of Impending Tax Bills.

Mr. Watkins explained it was City policy to record a notice indicating a tax bill might be levied when a project was moving forward so people purchasing the property would be aware of it. At its January 20, 2009 meeting, the Council established a sewer district on Route K that would be funded with tax bills. A motion directing the City Clerk to file the notice of impending tax bill was required.

Mayor Hindman asked if they could not make it an automatic action. Mr. Boeckmann replied the ordinance would have to be amended.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing the City Clerk to record the notice of impending tax bills with regard to sewer district 159. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to prepare legislation to amend the ordinance so the City Clerk was authorized to record a notice of impending tax bill without a separate motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Mr. Janku asked if deferred tax bills were recorded as well. Mr. Boeckmann replied he thought the ordinance covered those as well. Mr. Janku suggested the legislation include those for recording as well if they were not already covered.

The motion made by Mayor Hindman and seconded by Mr. Skala was approved unanimously by voice vote.

(D) Crosswalk – Walnut & Orr; Curb Cut and Crosswalk – Hitt & Cherry.

Mr. Watkins stated this was a Council request concerning two crosswalks in the downtown area. The first was at Walnut and Orr and the second was at Hitt and Cherry. Staff was recommending they move ahead with the Hitt and Cherry crosswalk, but the amount of pedestrian traffic was not sufficient to install a crosswalk at Walnut and Orr at this time.

Mr. Glascock noted a curb cut was being installed by the church at Hitt and Cherry, and the City would put in the crosswalk after the curb cut was completed.

Mr. Sturtz commented that he thought he made this motion in July and that his request was inexact. He explained he was referring to the area just west of Orr Street and directly north of the City-owned parking lot going toward the Berry Building where the new Wilson's Fitness Center would be located. One of his constituents, who owned the building, was disputing the numbers, especially on a Sunday when Ernie's was being used and people were going toward the bus stations. He wanted the City to reconsider, especially as traffic increased with the renovation of that building.

Mayor Hindman commented that it made some sense to do a count and make a decision based on the count, but noted that sometimes did not work very well. He believed it was similar to the sidewalk argument. They required sidewalks to be built as development occurred and always received “it was a sidewalk to no where” argument. The answer was that sooner or later it would be a sidewalk to somewhere. If they allowed people to not build a sidewalk because it did not connect to other sidewalks, it would never happen. In this particular case, the crosswalk on Walnut Street was to be part of a connected system that would go to Orr Street and down to Broadway through the parking lot and alleyway between the law office and India’s Rasoi restaurant. He felt the potential was enormous as it would assist in making a more pedestrian downtown and thought they should build it. He agreed staff was correct in that hardly anyone crossed it right now, but believed that if they put it in, people would cross there when the rest of the development took place. Mr. Sturtz agreed and thought it was similar to painting bike lane marks on the road to encourage bicyclists to use the road.

Mr. Skala noted discussion about improvements all of the way to Stephens Park in terms of Walnut Street if this was extended to the east, so it had potential to tie into that network as well.

Ms. Hoppe asked if peak hour was from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mr. Glascock replied it was. Ms. Hoppe noted the peak hour for that area was much later in the evening when they were having activities at Orr Street. Mayor Hindman thought meeting the numbers would still be hard at this time. Mr. Glascock pointed out peak hour was defined by the MUTCD manual as a certain time frame, which was the standard they used. Mayor Hindman stated he was not being critical of staff as they were using the criteria Council had authorized.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to install crosswalks at Walnut and Orr and Hitt and Cherry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sturtz and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku noted a parking space at Hitt and Cherry was designated for a fifteen minute use, but did not have a meter and asked why that was. Mr. Glascock asked if it was across from the church or at the church. Mr. Janku stated it was on the west side of Hitt. He thought it would make more sense to have a 24 minute meter there. Mr. Glascock thought there was a loading zone around there. Mr. Janku did not think it was marked like other loading zones and suggested staff look into it.

Mr. Skala thought he had made an inquiry regarding a crosswalk on Keene Street across from Woodridge and in between the nursing home and the other side of the street and asked for the status of it. Mr. Glascock replied he thought a report had been provided to Council, but would check.

(E) Farmer’s Market – Request for Long Term Lease.

Mr. Watkins explained staff had received a request from Sustainable Farms and Communities asking the City to grant a longer lease. Currently, the lease for the ground near The ARC for the Farmer’s Market was done on an annual basis. Sustainable Farms and Communities was in the process of raising money and receiving some tax credits. The Council approved a similar proposal a number of years ago, but they had not been successful

in raising the kind of money that was needed. Staff was supportive of the request for a longer term lease.

Mr. Janku made a motion authorizing staff to proceed with negotiations in order to draft an agreement. He understood the airport buildings were leased for 40 years or so, and noted he would be agreeable to a lease longer than 30-35 years if it helped them receive tax credits. The motion made by Mr. Janku was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman agreed it would be very similar to the original lease the City provided. The problem was that they were previously not successful in raising money. It appeared as though they would be successful this time.

(F) Proposal for Use of March-Heibel Building.

Mr. Watkins stated Central Missouri Community Action, who was leasing the building, essentially gave it back to the City last fall. Prior to razing the building, the City decided to request proposals. One proposal had been received from First Chance for Children and appeared to meet the requirements of the request for proposals. A motion directing staff to negotiate a formal agreement would be required if the Council wanted to proceed.

Mr. Sturtz stated this was a very exciting proposal and he hoped First Chance would be able to pull this off because it was essentially the last chance for this building. He noted that they seemed to appreciate the building's history and saw how it could be situated in an early education zone that would be made up of the old Field School and some other centers. He hoped they received the support of the community with this project.

Mr. Sturtz made a motion directing staff to negotiate a formal agreement with First Chance for Children. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe.

Ms. Hoppe stated she believed it was a great program and hoped they were successful. She thought they would be as they had some great people working for them. Mayor Hindman agreed.

Mr. Janku stated some of the original people involved in the effort to save the building would be very pleased if it had something to do with helping children.

The motion made by Mr. Sturtz and seconded by Ms. Hoppe was approved unanimously by voice vote.

(G) Status of Amendments to City Major Roadway Plan.

Mr. Watkins explained this was informational item. They only wanted to update the Council on some of the amendments to the City's Major Roadway Plan and the amendments the Planning and Zoning Commission had been discussing. Those amendments were particularly in the Scott Boulevard and Route K areas.

Mr. Teddy commented that these were taking a while to get through the Planning and Zoning Commission, and in bringing them to Council, they would propose dividing them up in small groups so there were more manageable public hearings.

Mr. Sturtz asked if there was opportunity for the Council to get a tour of the area. Mr. Teddy replied they would be happy to conduct a tour if coordinated by the City Manager's Office. Mr. Watkins agreed.

(H) Street Closure Requests.

Mr. Watkins explained these two street closures were received every year. Since they were in the downtown area, the Council needed to approve them. The CCA board had reviewed and approved both requests.

Mayor Hindman made a motion approving the street closures as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(I) Status of Cottage Housing Initiatives.

Mr. Watkins noted this was an informational report prepared by the Planning and Development Department at the Council's request. It outlined a number of options the Council could consider, including some incentive programs and potential ideas for a cottage development ordinance. It also provided options regarding how they might be able to assist the Ridgeway Cottages as a demonstration project, particularly with CDBG funds.

Mr. Teddy commented that on the topic of cottages in general, they were suggesting to work on an ordinance with a view toward streamlining the process for future cottage housing projects. They were proposing to work with interested former members of the Affordable Housing Policy Committee that had formed a subcommittee to look at regulatory barriers. After having a suitable draft of ideas, they could engage neighborhood associations in determining whether the cottage product and standards were community acceptable. With regard to the issues specifically related to 315 Ridgeway, they had cited a number of existing programs that would offer some measure of assistance. If the Council was interested, they could further research the development of an incentive program.

Mayor Hindman commented that in reading the Affordable Housing Report, it stated there should be a minimum of four cottages, but this project only involved three cottages. He recalled four cottages being originally planned for the project. Mr. Teddy thought it was reduced based on financing. He noted the ordinances they had found sometimes had a minimum number of cottages. He believed that was for the local jurisdiction to determine. He did not think having three rather than four was a fatal flaw. He stated they could also look at the tandem concept, which involved two smaller houses on a single lot as an affordable housing solution. He thought cities that had gone forward with cottage housing development had a concept of four or more homes grouped around a courtyard type of open space.

Mayor Hindman noted the Report also recommended cars be parked in the back versus on the street, whenever possible, and understood that was a limitation they could not get around for this project. Mr. Teddy stated most of the guidelines and standards made an effort to screen and minimize parking by providing a break on the minimum number of parking spaces required.

Mayor Hindman commented that the Affordable Housing Report recommended the consideration of cottage developments and they had a developer in the heart of the City that was willing to try this type of development. He wondered when the next development would come along if they lost this opportunity even if they streamlined the ordinances. He suggested they treat this as an experiment. He stated they could make it clear that they were not setting a precedent with regard to how they would handle future attempts. He believed

they needed to try to make this development happen. He noted one of the annexations tonight had a long driveway, issues with regard to water and problems for access of emergency vehicles. In addition, when fixing the roads there, they would be fixing a lot of road for one or two residents. These were expenses to the City due to low density development. This development was in the center of City. The street was already there, a fire department was nearby and policing would not be anymore expensive. It was the kind of thing they preached. They wanted to increase density within the City. He stated those were economic benefits in making this happen. He noted he would be in favor of using money from the Council's discretionary fund, if necessary. He did not think they could wait to do it through CDBG due to the number of steps involved. He pointed out he was not in favor of giving the money away in order for this to happen. He felt it needed to be negotiated, fair and reasonable. He also felt they should include some affordable housing requirements if they participated. Mr. Janku asked if that meant it had to be provided to people of a certain income level. Mayor Hindman assumed it would be the same as some of the other affordable housing program requirements. He thought it should be a requirement for either all or some of the cottages. He noted he believed in mixed incomes, so he thought they should have those requirements for two cottages and allow one to be sold at the market rate. He pointed out he would not be in favor of waiving the sidewalk requirements, but would be willing to build the sidewalk for them.

Mr. Skala commented that, generally speaking, he concurred with a lot of what Mayor Hindman had stated. He thought staff had done a good job in identifying a couple of directions they could go. One involved what they needed for a cottage ordinance in general. The other dealt with the immediacy of this project and had a lot of suggestions. He asked if Mr. Ziv had been in discussion with the Planning and Development Department in developing this portion of the report. He wondered how Mr. Ziv felt about the suggestions. Mr. Teddy replied Mr. Ziv was not interested in pursuing a block grant for the housing infrastructure or construction. He noted that incentive came with baggage as documentation of affordability and a buyer in the lower to moderate income bracket was needed. If CDBG and HOME funding was off the table, it only left local incentives, such as a fee waiver, a reduction in fees or a reduction in standards so the housing infrastructure was more economical to construct. He understood the issue areas were stormwater management, sanitary sewer and water supply.

Mr. Skala noted he would not be in favor of lowering the standards, but would be in favor providing some sort of incentive if block grants were off of the table. Mr. Teddy pointed out the City's zoning process was part of the issue as well because it was cumbersome and long.

Mr. Watkins noted that not all block grant funding was off of the table. He understood there was intent to use first time homebuyer money. In addition, they had already provided demolition money through the CDBG program. Mr. Teddy explained the demolition funds paid for the removal of a structure on the property and sewer in the street. Mr. Skala understood the CDBG that was off of the table was the part Mr. Ziv would engage in. Mr. Watkins felt Mr. Teddy had been creative in finding ways to use CDBG funding for other pieces of the project. Mr. Teddy commented that the NRT demolition funding was part of the

site preparation process and was a fairly descent incentive, but there was a financial liability to the owner if they did not construct the cottage housing within a year because part of the note became due. The Council could modify the terms of that particular agreement recognizing the individual was going the extra mile versus simply replacing the house with something of the same mold. He thought that was a step they could take, which was not too complicated.

Mr. Skala stated the message he was receiving was that it would be incumbent upon the Council to provide some incentives in order to make this happen. Mr. Watkins commented that if the Council wanted this to happen, they would need to use money out of their reserve fund. He noted it would be a precedent they needed to think long and hard about.

Mr. Janku noted the Affordable Housing Report had indicated the primary argument against tandem housing was that it was generally a form of housing that was not conducive to home ownership and asked if that was true. Mr. Teddy replied it was an accessory dwelling concept in a lot of places. Mr. Janku understood tandem did not refer to cottages. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct. Both were small house concepts, but tandem housing was ideal for lots that commonly supported duplexes or two family residences, which were often rentals.

Mr. Janku commented that on the sidewalk issue, the applicant could have asked for a waiver, which the Council was oftentimes reluctant to grant, but could grant. CDBG funds could then be used along the entire street. He did not believe they should lower their standards in terms of stormwater, etc. because that could lead to problems down the road.

Ms. Hoppe understood one of the main issues was the extra cost due to the City's stormwater requirements and noted she would be willing to somehow provide the difference in funding from the lower stormwater pipe standard to what the City was requiring. She did not know the amount, but understood that was his main concern and would make it possible.

Mayor Hindman stated another concern he had involved the necessity of the plan because it was being treated as a subdivision. He understood there was extra planning. Mr. Watkins explained it required a plat. Mayor Hindman understood the plat was an extra expense he had not anticipated. He commented that they were trying to find a way to make this affordable and that might be something they needed to assist with. Mr. Watkins asked how much money the Council wanted to provide. Mayor Hindman replied they needed a rough idea of what these different things would cost. Mr. Janku suggested they obtain numbers from staff before committing to anything. Mr. Skala thought that would be prudent.

Mr. Watkins understood the Council wanted a report from staff costing out the alternatives. Mr. Skala stated it should include some of the identified sticking points, such as the subdivision requirements, the extra size for the sewer, etc. Mayor Hindman understood there was a manhole issue, tap fees, a sidewalk, etc.

Mr. Janku asked if they wanted to tie this to some sort of affordability. Mayor Hindman replied he wanted to tie it to the affordability issue on two of the cottages. They could let the third be sold at the market rate. Mr. Sturtz stated he could not see Mr. Ziv agreeing to that because he had priced those out at nearly \$100,000. He did not think it would work out if he had to sell any of the three for less, but thought they could leave it to him to decide.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to provide a report listing incentives that might make this project work and suggestions on how they might be able to finance those

incentives, as it would provide a point of negotiation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sturtz and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(J) Probable Pension Changes for New Police Chief.

Mr. Watkins stated one of the areas both finalists had discussed was the possibility of being exempted from contributing to the City's police pension plan. He explained it worked well for career officers, but was not attractive to officers coming in with a few years at the end of their career. He noted this was done for Chief Botsford, who was the last outside chief. Before making an offer to either finalist, he wanted to know if this was something Council would consider.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to draft the appropriate legislation to exempt the new police chief from contributing to the City's police pension plan.

Mr. Janku asked if there were other positions where this could be utilized. Mr. Watkins replied police and fire were the two the City had control over. The other City employees were LAGERS employees. Mr. Janku asked if LAGERS allowed it. Mr. Watkins replied he did not believe so. Mr. Boeckmann explained it was an all or nothing situation with LAGERS. General employees had to all be in the system. The City could not pick and choose who would be part of the system and who would not.

Mr. Skala asked if the memo accompanying the ordinance would include the amount the City would have to compensate. Mr. Watkins replied they were suggesting the same dollar amount that would have been contributed to the police pension plan be contributed to some other mutually agreeable IRA, deferred compensation plan, etc., so the cost to the City would be the same.

The motion made by Mr. Janku was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(K) Vision Commission Implementation Request.

Mr. Watkins explained this was briefly discussed in the pre-Council work session. The Vision Commission was asking for a month extension to the requirement they prepare the implementation report. If amenable to Council, a motion authorizing the extension for this year should be made.

Mr. Skala made a motion to extend the due date of the Columbia Vision Commission implementation report by one month. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Hindman noted the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Water and Light Advisory Board vacancies would not be appointed tonight.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Seagraves, Thomas, 2623 B Summit Road, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2011

FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

Snider, Dearld, 4504 Laramie Court, Ward 5, Term to expire December 31, 2010

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Spanglehour, Jessica, 1608 Native Dancer Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire March 1, 2012

INTERNET CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP

McNutt, Justin, 305 Macaw Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire October 15, 2010

LIBRARY BOARD

Thorne, Jacob, 2110 Sunborough Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire June 30, 2009

MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS

McGonagle, Craig, 1214 Dunbar Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire November 30, 2009

Zimmermann, Nicole, 3800 Saddlebrook Place, #104, Ward 2, Term to expire November 30, 2011

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Amir Ziv, 904 N. Eighth Street, stated he was frustrated with having to sit in the audience and listen to the Council go back and forth asking questions he was not allowed to answer. He was also frustrated with the fact the Council was asking for another report, which he felt was redundant. He did not feel anyone was listening to what he needed. He suggested the Council ask him questions and allow him to answer them. He noted that would save staff time as well. He stated he was not asking for money and did not want CDBG money. He felt there were a few things that were costly and did not make sense. The sewer line issue was one. The City wanted an eight-inch because the machinery would only fit an eight-inch. It had nothing to do with the amount of sewage and did not make sense to him.

Mayor Hindman commented that a Council meeting was not the place for this type of negotiation. This was a democratic process and they were policymakers. They were not in a position to negotiate. Staff was involved in the negotiations. The Council was trying to assist in getting his project built, but they had to do it in the current system. He understood democracies were not necessarily efficient, but they worked.

Mr. Ziv commented that six months after approval of the project, the Council was asking for another report. He understood the Council could not negotiate and suggested they ask him the questions they had previously asked. He quoted an article in the Sunday paper reading "Usually developers will give up if they can't find a path through regulations, fees, or cost of land, but he has committed himself to the project, Teddy said. He was now asking for help to make it work. As much as we like to be informal, that produces problems of another kind. We have to be accountable to the public. We have to dig deeper and justify the cost reductions that are offered." Mr. Ziv felt that was a scary statement. He also believed staff was against this project and were trying to break him.

Mr. Janku pointed out staff was constrained by the ordinances and rules passed by the Council. If there was a problem with the ordinances, the Council had to correct them. Staff

did not have the authority to waive the requirements. They were constrained in what they could do. If the ordinances constrained them from meeting what he wanted, the Council had to change the ordinances, which was a slow process. Mr. Ziv asked about a resolution. Mr. Janku replied there were rules associated with how they could change laws and they had to follow those rules.

Mr. Ziv commented that although it took 2-3 weeks, he had negotiated the stormwater issue with Mr. Watkins and Mr. Glascock. Mr. Glascock had provided him two options. He could either pay \$25,000-\$30,000 to prepare his land or put in a detention pond, which was basically a swamp. As a result, he contacted Mr. Watkins for a meeting and within an hour, they had come up with a resolution. Mr. Watkins noted they had come up with the same alternative that Mr. Glascock had come up with. Mr. Ziv stated that was not correct. Mr. Watkins stated Mr. Ziv's engineer had been reading the law very narrowly. He, Mr. Glascock and Mr. Ziv had come up with an alternative that was probably before them all along, but was not being considered. Mr. Ziv did not believe that was true as he would not have involved Mr. Watkins if that was the case. Mr. Watkins noted the City did not exempt the project from any stormwater ordinance. Mr. Ziv agreed, but noted it was a doable solution.

Mr. Ziv asked what the next step was. Mayor Hindman replied the Council had decided to ask staff for a report and explained that if Mr. Ziv had a proposal he wanted to provide to the Council, he should contact his Council representative or himself, so they could forward it to the other Council members and staff.

Mayor Hindman commented that Mr. Wade had asked him to obtain the status of the Shotgun House. Last November, the Council approved moving the Shotgun House from its present location to the Village at the Boone Historical Museum. He wondered if it had been moved, and if it had not been moved, he wanted to know the reason. He expected the house to be moved by the March 16, 2009 Council meeting as that would be over four months from the time the Council approved its moving. In addition, if it had not been moved, he wanted someone to come before the Council on March 16, 2009 to tell them when it would be moved.

Mr. Janku understood the owners had done some preliminary work. Mr. Watkins stated he would talk to Mr. Treece, one of the owners, and would provide them information at the next meeting.

Mayor Hindman stated the Council had received letters from Claire Baffaut, a hydrologist, and Ben Londeree questioning the modifications that had been made under the authority to make modifications to the stormwater manual. He noted he was also concerned when reading the modifications to the stormwater manual with regard to the immediate and secondary buffers. He understood there was an issue with detention versus stream hardening, which he was concerned with because it involved riprap. He thought they needed to hold off on the modifications to the stormwater manual until they had a chance for additional input. He commented that he was satisfied with the way the stormwater manual was established. A committee had worked on it, and although it was not perfect, it was pretty good. As a result, he was hesitant in making changes, especially since there was some educated criticism.

Mr. Glascock explained these were modifications suggested by CH2M Hill and staff would be happy to have CH2M Hill provide an explanation to the Council. Mayor Hindman suggested CH2M Hill and the people questioning the modifications meet with Council. Mr. Skala thought they had asked for that at the last meeting. Mr. Janku noted the minutes from the previous meeting read “Mr. Watkins thought the quickest and most expeditious way would be to get a report to the Council after meeting with a balanced group.” He understood they would be receiving a report. Mr. Glascock thought bringing them in would be better than a report as it would allow the Council to ask questions. Mr. Skala thought part of the discussion was to ensure a balanced group came together to talk about this, so they eventually had a report from staff.

Mr. Janku noted Mr. Londeree and Ms. Baffaut could probably ask a lot better questions that he could.

Mr. Glascock pointed out the report provided was to tell the Council they had made those changes, so the changes had already been made. A letter had been sent to the consultants indicating they were implementing the changes.

Mr. Watkins suggested they pull a group together and invite the Council and anyone else wanting to attend. He thought they would probably find that there was more than one way to meet the requirements.

Mr. Janku noted that when the Stormwater Task Force was getting ready to finalize their report, the consultant gave a presentation where the County Commission, City Council and people from the public could attend. He thought that was a good format as many good questions were asked.

Mayor Hindman noted Boone Hospital was going to build a pedestrian overpass bridge and the City had a rule that there be no signage on those bridges. The University, however, was not subject to City rules, so they had put a large “M” on their overpasses. He thought it gave it a certain amount of cache and suggested they relax that rule to allow logos. The City could put its logo on its pedestrian bridges and Boone Hospital could put its logo on its pedestrian bridge. He felt it would give the institution some cache and help people know they were at the institution as they drove down the street. Since the University did it, he thought they should allow others to do it.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had mixed feelings on the subject. She thought the crossway blended in and looked aesthetically pleasing without the sign. If they allowed a sign, she suggested they have size limits as she felt the size of the “M” was large.

Mr. Janku stated he thought the original prohibition involved banners. He did not think they were thinking about a formal logo that was static and defined.

Mr. Skala stated he had mixed feelings as well. He recalled discussion of putting the City logo on overpasses along the highways when they were considering improvements, but understood it was not permissible per MoDOT. He commented that he did not think it was quite fair for only the University to be able to do it, but wanted to ensure it did not go beyond good taste.

Mr. Janku commented that this could be like the bus situation where they could put their logo on it if they were willing to build and pay for it.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to provide a report with feedback from Boone Hospital, Stephens College and others regarding logos on pedestrian overpasses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman stated he had been approached by a group that wanted a domestic partner registry in Columbia, so he planned to ask for an ordinance they had proposed to be introduced. He understood Mr. Boeckmann had looked at it and thought it was okay with regard to legal aspects.

Mr. Janku asked if it would be referred to the Human Rights Commission for input. He recalled them doing that with the sexual orientation ordinance years ago.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to draft legislation regarding the domestic partner registry and to provide it to the Human Rights Commission for their review and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman noted that with regard to rezonings, etc., they had discussed requiring a plan or something they could act on in order to obtain a land disturbance permit. Mr. Skala understood they wanted a plan before the land disturbance permit was granted. Mr. Janku also understood that if it was a planned district, the plan would need to be submitted for approval prior to obtaining a land disturbance permit.

Mayor Hindman asked if the legislation needed to be sent to the Environment and Energy Commission or the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Skala thought it would be good to send it to both. Mr. Janku suggested they refer it to one or both of those Commissions for a public hearing to obtain input.

Mayor Hindman stated he was also going to request they change the reference map for land disturbance from USGS maps to the appropriate the new data and asked if that needed to be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission or if it was a technical issue. Mr. Skala thought it was more of a technical issue. Mr. Boeckmann could not recall if there was something in the zoning code. Mr. Glascock thought it was referenced in the stormwater ordinance. Mr. Skala suggested it go to the Planning and Zoning Commission if that was the case. Mayor Hindman suggested they send both items to both bodies.

Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to prepare legislation regarding requiring a plan or something they could act on prior to the issuance of a land disturbance permit and changing the reference map for land disturbance from USGS maps to the appropriate new data, and to refer both items to the Environment and Energy Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman commented that a group came to him regarding an animal social network. The idea was to obtain points by people going to the site and providing information about their animals, etc. If they got within the top 20, they would be part of a contest to receive \$1 million to build a new animal shelter. A couple of kids, ages 13-14, that attended Columbia Catholic School had helped Columbia go from 685 to 25 on the list. He provided literature to the Council and recommended they sign up.

Ms. Hoppe asked for the website address. Mayor Hindman replied it was www.zootoo.com. After going to the site, they would need to go to “shelter makeover competition”.

Mr. Skala noted he mentioned the Keene crosswalk earlier and wanted a status of the possibility of putting it in. He understood that would require a review of a report.

Mr. Skala commented that at the last Council meeting, they received a report regarding Phase II of the Mexico Gravel Road project and the reasons for the crest of the road. He understood there was correspondence between the City and landowners with regard to using condemnation authority, if granted, to ensure that part of the project was built. He wanted to be provided a heads up with regard to whether claims on anyone’s part were outlandish. He asked for the status of the acquisition of easements with regard to Phase II of the Mexico Gravel Road project and wanted to know if there were any outstanding issues. He explained some landowners were reticent in granting easements until they understood the logic behind the crest. He understood they had been told that if they did not go along with it, the City might take action, so he wanted to know what was going on.

Mr. Janku understood Mr. Skala wanted to know why the crown design was important to the road and why the road was required to be built in that way, so he could understand and explain it to his constituents. Mr. Skala stated that was correct.

Mr. Skala made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding the status of Phase II of the Mexico Gravel Road project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Skala asked where they were with regard to the civilian review board process. Mr. Watkins replied that a group was working on it. He explained he slowed it down because he thought the new chief should have input. Ms. Hoppe understood they would receive something within a month or so after the new chief was on board. Mr. Watkins stated more or less.

Ms. Hoppe noted Mr. Wade had asked her to discuss the Vision Commission. Even though it was not the responsibility of the Vision Commission to prepare the Vision Implementation Report, he wanted the Vision Commission to provide input on the draft report to Council by the deadline for public input, which they had just continued for a month. Mr. Watkins stated the Commission was charged with taking the draft report, which was prepared by the City Manager’s Office, and obtaining public comment and providing that input to Council, so he did not understand what was different than what they were already charged to do. Ms. Hoppe understood the Commission could provide public comment and their own comments to Council.

Ms. Hoppe stated she was following the fiscal impacts provided with ordinances and noted they were very helpful. She commented that she would also like to see the visioning impact identified by section.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to provide a visioning impact as part of the Council memo provided with legislation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe stated she was pleased to see the 25 mph kid-friendly signs in the pilot project neighborhood of Shepard Boulevard. She understood signs were supposed to be located at every entrance. There were signs on Bluff and Shepard, but there were three other roads off of Old 63 that did not have signs. She noted there was also a sign on Audubon by Shepard. She asked if the other three signs would be installed. Mr. Watkins replied he did not know and would get back to her.

Mr. Janku noted he spoke about a report they received in 2005 involving C-2 zoned property along Providence Road at the pre-Council work session earlier.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and provide recommendations regarding amendments the zoning ordinance consistent with paragraph one of the 2005 report involving C-2 zoned property along Providence Road.

Mr. Janku commented that there was a story in the Nation's City Weekly recently about a program called 5 by 5 in Denver that linked disadvantage young people to cultural experiences in the community.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing the Cultural Affairs Commission to review the program and provide ideas or recommendations for developing a similar program in Columbia. He thought they might be able to obtain private support for it. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku understood the City had an employer assisted housing program in which the City helped some employees buy homes. When the program was put in place, Council had asked staff to contact other employers, but had limited success. He suggested they do that again. He understood Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, which was linked to BJC, had such a program, and thought employers here might consider it. He suggested staff try to generate some community interest for it as they talked about affordable housing.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to contact other employers about employer assisted housing programs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku stated he had received an e-mail from someone who was concerned about the junkyard across from Cosmo Park on the Business Loop and wanted staff to see what type of enforcement activity could be taken. He noted it was a very unsightly situation across from a well loved community resource. In addition, a lot of people from outside of the community came to it throughout the year.

Mr. Janku noted Lee's Summit passed an ordinance requiring registration of foreclosed properties. He asked staff to obtain a copy so they could see if it was something they wanted to do in Columbia. He understood a person involved indicated it helped to ensure they were kept up properly.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to obtain and provide Council a copy of Lee's Summit's recently passed ordinance requiring the registration of foreclosed properties. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman understood the Police Department had wrapped up the recent homicide. Chief Dresner stated a press release recently issued indicated the Police Department had made six arrests for the individuals responsible for the homicide that occurred early this morning. Two juveniles and four adults were in custody. He noted it was a marijuana deal that had gone bad. Both sides exchanged shots and a young man died as a result of a gun shot wound. Mayor Hindman commented that they all hated that these crimes were occurring, but noted it was gratifying to know they had a Police Department that did such a great job of clearing them up. Mr. Skala pointed out the street crimes unit had been exceptionally successful as well.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk