

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
APRIL 12, 2010**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a special session at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 12, 2010, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members HINDMAN, STURTZ, THORNHILL, SKALA, WADE, NAUSER and HOPPE were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Skala thanked his wife, Mahree, for her endurance and talent. He also thanked Mayor Hindman and former Mayor Clyde Wilson, who was his friend and mentor, for access to their wisdom. He commented that he loved this community and would continue to provide a voice for all who had supported him. He also wished the new Council luck in the next three years.

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

Mr. Wade thanked his family for sharing him with the community over the past three years. He also thanked Mayor Hindman, the other members of the Council, and staff as his working relationship with all of them had been positive. He commented that he was proud of three areas in which he had made a difference during his term, and those were being involved in changing the policy on private sewers for a more cooperative effort, the City committing resources to building the leadership of its citizens at the neighborhood level, and economic development in terms of new strategies and concepts. He noted he would not be leaving civic life and would continue civic service in a different role.

**(C) Comments of Mr. Hindman, Outgoing Mayor**

Mayor Hindman stated it had been his honor and great privilege to serve as the Mayor of the City of Columbia for fifteen years and he thanked the citizens of Columbia for their confidence in electing him to the position for five terms. He hoped and felt that Columbia had become a better place over the past fifteen years. He thanked his supporters, which included his wife, Axie, and the rest of his family. He commented that it had also been a privilege to serve with all of the volunteer Council Members over the past fifteen years as they had done a great job. He thanked City Managers Ray Beck and Bill Watkins as he believed they had done a wonderful job operating this complex City government. He noted Columbia was in a terrific position due to its management. He stated his appreciation for the high quality dedicated City staff, to include the City Clerk, Sheela Amin. He congratulated the new Council and understood they were there because they wanted to make a positive difference to the City of Columbia. He noted he had become acquainted with Bob McDavid and felt Columbia had a terrific new Mayor.

**(D) Presentation to Outgoing Council Member Skala**

Mr. Skala joined Mayor Hindman and Mr. Watkins at the podium.

Mayor Hindman presented Mr. Skala with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing his years of service on the Council and a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in his honor in the park of his choice.

Mr. Watkins presented Mr. Skala with a glass tile with the City logo and a gift from the City staff.

**(E) Presentation to Outgoing Council Member Wade**

Mr. Wade joined Mayor Hindman and Mr. Watkins at the podium.

Mayor Hindman presented Mr. Wade with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing his years of service on the Council and a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in his honor in the park of his choice.

Mr. Watkins presented Mr. Wade with a glass tile with the City logo and a gift from the City staff.

**(F) Presentation to Outgoing Mayor Hindman**

Mayor Pro Tem Nausser joined Mayor Hindman and Mr. Watkins at the podium.

Mayor Pro Tem Nausser presented Mayor Hindman with a Resolution of Appreciation, a plaque recognizing his years of service on the Council and a certificate for a heritage tree to be planted in his honor in the park of his choice or at the City Hall Plaza.

Mr. Watkins presented Mayor Hindman with a glass tile with the City logo and a gift from the City staff.

Former Mayor Bob Smith thanked the retiring members of City Council for their years of service and congratulated the new members. He told the story of Mayor Hindman asking for his advice in terms of running for Mayor of the City of Columbia or for a Missouri State Representative, and his advice had been to run for State Representative because he felt Mayor Hindman could have gone a long way in State government with his personality and ability, while still continuing his law practice. Mayor Hindman ultimately decided to run for Mayor as he felt he could make a greater contribution in that role. Former Mayor Smith stated he was grateful Mayor Hindman did not take his advice as they would have missed out on probably the most outstanding Mayor ever.

Hank Waters commented that he, Ray Beck, Chris Janku, Chip Cooper, Karl Kruse and others had been thinking about how to commemorate Mayor Hindman's service for some time and had decided upon the Darwin Hindman Discovery Garden. He showed Mayor Hindman a display and explained it would be located in the northeast quadrant of Stephens Lake Park and would be designed and maintained by the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. It would be an educational garden and a lasting and evolving tribute to Mayor Hindman's determination and dedication. Mayor Hindman thanked everyone involved for this honor.

**(G) Oath of Office – Council Members Gary Kespohl, Daryl Dudley and Robert McDavid**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kespohl, Mr. Dudley and Mr. McDavid and Mayor Hindman presented them with framed Commissions of Office. Mayor Hindman also presented Mayor McDavid with the gavel. The new Council Members then took their places at the Council dais.

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

Mr. Kespohl stated he was humbled in accepting the responsibility of serving the Third Ward and pledged to work with all of the people of Columbia in good faith to find common sense solutions to the City's challenges. He noted he was raised in Columbia, he and his wife had raised their children here and his grandchildren were also being raised here, and he wanted only the best for Columbia. He thanked his wife, Patty, and his family for their steadfast support, and his friend Red Leighton and other volunteers for their assistance in the campaign. He also thanked Karl Skala for his service as the Third Ward Council Member. He recognized his wife, his two sons and their families, and other friends and supporters.

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

Mr. Dudley thanked his supporters, his family, his wife, Rita, all of his friends and the people who voted for him as he would not be there without them. He thanked Mr. Wade for his service to the Fourth Ward. He stated he intended to do the best job he could for the Fourth Ward and thanked everyone again for their support and confidence.

**(J) Comments by Mayor McDavid**

Mayor McDavid thanked his wife, Suzanne, and the others involved in his campaign. He thanked Mr. Skala, Mr. Wade and Mayor Hindman for their years of service to the

community. He noted it would be tough to follow a legend like Mayor Hindman, who had contributed so much to Columbia. He commented that he looked forward to working with Mr. Watkins, who was by reputation one of the best City Managers, in the years ahead. He thanked the sitting Council Members for their work and stated he looked forward to them sharing their expertise and experiences with the new Council Members. He noted Columbia was an amazing town and inherently a progressive college town. It was a town with a legacy of cultural richness and academic achievement and a town with a wealth of recreational facilities. He stated this Council would not change Columbia's historic nature, its soul or its character, and he looked forward to making Columbia an even better place to live.

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

Mr. Watkins welcomed Mr. Kespohl, Mr. Dudley and Mayor McDavid and added that he looked forward to working with them in the coming years. He acknowledged and introduced the City's senior staff and stated they were the ones that did the real work in an effort to make everyone within City government look good. He thanked his wife, Kathy, for keeping him focused on the things that were most important.

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

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

**(M) Appointment of Council Committees**

Conley Poor Fund

Mayor McDavid appointed Mr. Sturtz, Mr. Thornhill and Ms. Hoppe.

New Century Fund Board

Ms. Hoppe made the motion that Mayor McDavid be appointed to the New Century Fund Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(N) Other Items**

Ms. Hoppe presented Mayor Hindman with a special gift. She explained that ten years ago, the ballot issue for a tax to acquire Stephens Lake Park had passed, and she did not believe it would have happened without Mayor Hindman's support and vision. She recalled an instance where Mayor Hindman drank the water from Stephens Lake Park as some were saying the lake was polluted and not fit for swimming. As a memento, when the ballot issue passed, Mayor Hindman had been provided a plastic water bottle with a special label saying "Stephens Lake Bottling Company from our lake to your lips" and a special thank you message. For the ten year anniversary, she presented him with a new glass bottle as a keepsake.

Mayor McDavid explained there would be a reception immediately following the meeting in Conference Rooms 1A and 1B.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin  
City Clerk