

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI**  
**AUGUST 7, 2006**

**INTRODUCTORY**

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER and HOPPE were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2006 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Janku and a second by Mr. Hutton.

**APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hindman made the motion to add two resolutions, R174-06 and R175-06, to the New Business section of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loveless and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Upon his request, Mr. Janku made a motion that Mr. Hutton be allowed to abstain from voting on B296-06. Mr. Hutton noted on the Disclosure of Interest form that Columbia College, his employer, would be the recipient of the grant. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, as amended, including the Consent Agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mayor Hindman and a second by Ms. Crayton.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

Mayor Hindman noted there was an election tomorrow, which included a City ballot issue regarding electric system bonds, and urged everyone to vote.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B285-06 Approving the Missouri Credit Union C-P Development Plan located on the southeast corner of Smiley Lane and Saddlebrook Place.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this development plan was for a 5,107 square foot credit union facility on the southeast corner of Smiley Lane and Saddlebrook. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval subject to the plan being revised to accommodate light pole standards. He noted the C-P plan had been revised to accommodate light pole standards no higher than 25 feet with full cut-off fixtures.

Ms. Hoppe asked if the 25 feet was measured from the ground. Mr. Bondra replied yes.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

John Huss of Trabue, Hansen and Hinshaw, 1901 Pennsylvania Drive, stated he was representing the owner and was available to answer questions.

Ms. Hoppe complimented them on their detention basin and landscape plan, but asked why there were no bicycle racks. She noted she was a member and wondered if she was expected to lock her bicycle to a tree if she biked there. Mr. Huss replied the lack of bicycle racks was preferred by the Missouri Credit Union Board. They did not feel they were necessary or appropriate at this location. Ms. Hoppe reiterated that if she visited the bank, she would lock her bike to a tree.

Ms. Nauser complimented them on their rain gardens.

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

The vote on B285-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B291-06 Authorizing construction of water main serving Mill Creek Manor, Plat 4; providing for payment of differential costs.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this would authorize payment of the differential cost for installing an 8-inch water line. The additional length of pipe was 830 feet and would cost approximately \$5,859.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

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

Ms. Nauser asked what determined requiring a 6 or 8-inch water main. Mr. Dasho replied the differential was determined by a water model and was case specific.

The vote on B291-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**OLD BUSINESS**

**B288-06 Authorizing an engineering services agreement with Allstate Consultants, P.C. for the Gans Road improvement project.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Allstate Consultants in the amount of \$104,850 to provide engineering design services for final plans and specifications for parts of the Gans Road interchange. He noted the City had entered into an agreement with Mr. Sapp and his development where he paid the basics and the City paid for Lenoir, some of the expansions and 50 percent of part of the Gans Road. This would also cover the development of Discovery Ridge Road. He pointed out this would be a supplement to the agreement Mr. Sapp had with Allstate. It was anticipated that

a substantial portion of this contract would be paid for by federal money secured through a number of line items.

Mayor Hindman asked what standards would be used. Mr. Glascock replied they were working that out with the University. He thought, on the major roadway plan, it was a minor arterial. They would use those standards or greater. They were trying to determine what the University wanted across the South Farm in regard to their parkway design and its exact location.

Ms. Hoppe asked how Lenoir Drive would connect with Gans Road. Mr. Glascock described the connections using the overhead. He noted the grading for a portion would be done with the master grading of Discovery Ridge and the University would pay for most of that as they continued with their development.

Mr. Loveless asked if Lenoir was a dead end at a spot shown on the overhead. Mr. Glascock replied he thought it went down to a house by the creek, which was past the interchange area.

The vote on B288-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B292-06 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the contract with River City Construction, L.L.C. for construction of the McBaine Water Treatment Plant expansion project.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins stated this was change order no. 1 to the water treatment plant expansion, which was approved with the 2003 water ballot issue. It was in the amount of \$136,846.16. The reason for the change order was to prepare an old lime treating room, which was no longer necessary, and to use it for the remote monitoring water system equipment. They thought it made more sense to have the current contractor do the work rather than having someone else come in at a later date. He noted he thought they received a pretty fair price.

The vote on B292-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B296-06 Authorizing an agreement with Columbia College for Sports Development Funding under the Tourism Development Program for the 2006 NAIA Volleyball National Championship; appropriating funds.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins noted the Council, in March, approved guidelines for a new tourism development program for sporting events and this was the first award out of the new program. It was to Columbia College in the amount of \$25,000 and would facilitate bringing the NAIA Volleyball National Championship to Columbia.

Ms. Steiner stated they were thrilled to be able to bring this before the Council because it would bring in 1,300 room nights in November. She thought it boded well for the future development of that fund and in bringing new business to the City.

Mr. Janku asked if this \$100,000 was annually appropriated or if it was a set amount that needed to be replenished on an on-going basis. Ms. Steiner replied there was a little over \$400,000 in the fund this year, which covered the Festival and Events, Sports Development and the Attraction Development funds. They would set aside \$100,000 for Sports Development. If any portion of it was not used, it would accrue to the Attraction Development fund. Mr. Janku understood this was coming from the 2006 funds. Ms. Steiner replied this would be spent in fiscal year 2007, but was approved this year. Mr. Janku asked what would keep that fund whole. Ms. Steiner replied it was all in one pool. She explained there was just over \$700,000 in the Tourism Development fund that had not been used and every year about \$400,000 came in. Historically, they appropriated between \$170,000 and \$204,000 each year and with setting aside \$100,000 for the Sports Development fund, they were still not at the level of what their revenue intake was. Mr. Janku understood if they wanted the fund to stay whole, they would need to appropriate more in the budget they were currently working on. Ms. Steiner replied that was correct. Mr. Watkins clarified the budget showed a \$400,000 appropriation, but they generally brought in more money and that went into the fund balance at the end of the year. If they needed additional funds for any project, the Council had the option of going into the fund balance and appropriating more money. He noted \$100,000 would be put into the Sports Development fund at the beginning of each year.

The vote on B296-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. ABSTAINING: HUTTON. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- B286-06** Approving the Final Plat of Alan Place Plat 3 located on the south side of the eastern terminus of Alan Lane, east of McKee Street; authorizing a performance contract.
- B287-06** Authorizing an engineering services agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc. for the Bear Creek Stream Bank Stabilization Project.
- B289-06** Authorizing application for Federal Aviation Administration capital assistance grants.
- B290-06** Appropriating grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for the purchase of a snow plow/spreader truck.
- B293-06** Accepting conveyance; authorizing payment of differential costs for water main serving Mill Creek Manor, Plat 3; approving the Engineer's Final Report.
- B294-06** Accepting conveyance; authorizing payment of differential costs for water main serving The North Woods, Plat No. 1; approving the Engineer's Final Report.
- B295-06** Accepting a conveyance for utility purposes.

- B297-06 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC Local Agency Nutrition Services Administration.
- R163-06 Setting a public hearing: setting property tax rates for 2006.
- R164-06 Setting a public hearing: setting tax rate for all taxable property in the Special Business District of the City of Columbia for the year 2006.
- R165-06 Setting a public hearing: FY 2007 Budget for the Special Business District.
- R166-06 Setting a public hearing: FY 2007 Budget.
- R167-06 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located 750 feet southwest of North Stadium Boulevard/State Route E.
- R168-06 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the north side of State Route K, along both sides of Scott Boulevard, extended.
- R169-06 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the local public health agency consolidated contract.
- R170-06 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for transportation planning services.
- R171-06 Authorizing Second Missionary Baptist Church to temporarily close an alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets immediately north of Broadway, and to temporarily close the sidewalk on the east side of Fourth Street between Broadway and Walnut Street to allow for construction of an addition to the church.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- R172-06 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for transportation services on campus.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the University of Missouri for transportation services on campus. This was bid by the University every three years and the City was selected this time. He felt it was a good addition to the City's bus service because it provided some interconnectivity between the campus bus service and the City bus service.

The vote on R172-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

- R173-06 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. for wind generated renewable energy.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins stated in November of 2004 the voters passed an ordinance requiring the City of Columbia to purchase certain levels of renewable energy. He explained they had been working on this for many months. Wind energy was an area in which the City was not capable of providing itself. Mr. Dasho stated they had been working with Associated Electric Cooperative since they first entered into their wind farm arrangement in northwestern Missouri and noted they had added three turbans to obtain the additional output for the City of Columbia.

The vote on R173-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

Mayor Hindman explained R174-06 and R175-06, which were added to the agenda, dealt with City downtown office space and the historic West Broadway improvement projects, respectively. He noted those were also reports under the Reports section of the agenda and suggested discussing the reports with the resolutions setting public hearings.

**Report (G) City downtown office space.**

**R174-06 Setting a public hearing: renovation of the Daniel Boone Building, demolition of Annex and Gates/Rader Buildings, and construction of an addition to the Daniel Boone Building.**

Mr. Watkins explained he mistakenly thought they could set the public hearing by a motion under the Reports section of the agenda, but Mr. Boeckmann had pointed out it needed to be done by resolution. This would set a public hearing at the next Council meeting in regard to space requirements and renovations of the Daniel Boone Building.

Mr. St. Romaine provided a copy of his presentation and noted the first major space needs analysis was conducted in 1993. A Public Buildings Committee was formed in 2000 to work with Chiodini in developing a Master Plan, which looked at current and future office facilities. A few of the Plan objectives were a space needs analysis through 2020, maximizing operational efficiency, maximizing the convenience for citizens having to do business with the City of Columbia and looking for a proposed location for a new or expanded City Hall. He noted in 2000, the existing space utilized in the downtown area was 69,054 square feet and the City had a space deficit of 7.3%. In 2020, the City was looking at a 63% deficit. Mr. St. Romaine explained some of the recommendations in review of existing buildings included remodeling the Howard Building, remodeling the Gentry Building, demolishing the Annex and Gates/Rader Buildings, and renovating and expanding the Daniel Boone Building. He noted they looked at other sites to include the Armory, but determined this was the best site for expansion. Mr. St. Romaine noted the Howard Building renovation was completed in June 2006 and the Gentry Building renovation was currently in progress with an anticipated completion date of November 2006. He pointed out these renovations were funded with the proceeds of COPs and from the annual transfer of \$700,000 from the City's General Fund. He noted the Sanford-Kimpton Building was also financed in part with COPs.

Mr. St. Romaine explained the renovation of the Daniel Boone Building would take place in phases. They would move Utility Customer Services to the lobby of the Daniel

Boone Building after renovating it and would then demolish the Annex and Gates Buildings for room for expansion. They would then move the present City Hall occupants to the addition in order to renovate the current building. He thought that process would take 10-12 months to complete. They could then move all proposed City Hall occupants, including those being housed in other facilities, back to City Hall. This would allow them to eliminate present building leases. He showed a conceptual plan of the proposed City Hall and pointed out it was likely to change. Mr. St. Romaine showed aerials of the downtown area before and after the proposed expansion. He noted by the year 2025, the City would be spending approximately \$1.3 million per year in external rent to satisfy the space needs deficit. Mr. St. Romaine explained construction costs were rising and the estimated cost of the renovation and expansion was about \$18.6 million as of June 2006. He stated, if approved, a very aggressive schedule showed completion in November 2009.

Mr. St. Romaine reiterated the Howard, Gentry and Sanford-Kimpton buildings were all funded using Certificates of Participation (COPs) and the annual transfer previously discussed. Approximately \$1.8 million was currently available from previously issued COPs and this would be how the proposed addition and renovation of the Daniel Boone Building was anticipated to be paid for. The debt payments would be funded through lease charges back to City departments. General government departments would receive credit back for tax dollars previously used for this project. All departments would be treated as tenants as it was an operational expense and the building would be owned by the City at the end of 20 years.

Mr. St. Romaine noted reasons to move ahead, which included the City's responsibility to the taxpayers to keep present resources in good operating condition, the City's responsibility to ensure employees had safe, decent working conditions, and this being the most cost-effective means of meeting future space needs per the two studies conducted. If Council wished to proceed, they could set the public hearing by the resolution added to the agenda and introduce an ordinance on September 5, 2006 for an architectural engineering contract.

Mayor Hindman noted this was already a matter of community discussion and felt they should hold a public hearing.

Mr. Janku asked why there was a separate date for the public hearing and the ordinance authorizing a contract. He thought they should combine the two or if they had a separate hearing, they could immediately follow this public hearing with a contract ordinance. Mr. St. Romaine commented that one reason for not introducing the architectural engineering contract at this time was that they would not be able to reflect any changes that came out of the public hearing. Mr. Hutton asked whether the contract would be a public hearing or part of old business. Mr. Boeckmann replied old business. Mr. Watkins asked if they could do the contract by resolution. Mr. Boeckmann replied they could. The only reason it might have to be an ordinance was if there was an appropriation. Mr. Watkins thought there was already sufficient money appropriated for the project. Mr. Boeckmann commented that even if there was not, they could modify the agreement so that it would be subject to the appropriation of funds in the 2007 budget. Mr. Watkins stated they could have for Council consideration the architectural engineering contract at the next meeting.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

The vote on R174-06 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**Report (H) Historic West Broadway improvement project from Garth Avenue to West Boulevard.**

**R175-06 Setting a public hearing: reconstruction of West Broadway from Garth Avenue to West Boulevard.**

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this resolution was added due to his mistake of including setting the motion for a public hearing through the report versus a resolution. He noted this resolution would set a public hearing for a capital project on West Broadway between Garth and West Boulevard. This was brought to the Council's attention in March when the neighborhood asked the City to work with them to construct a pedway and sidewalk. As staff began working with the neighborhood, they discovered an undersized water line that was leaking and needed to be replaced. If they were going to repair the sidewalks, he thought they needed to also deal with the water line. In addition, the re-building of curbs on Broadway was on Public Works Department's agenda and if they were going to tear it up for the water line, they needed to look at the curbs as well. The thought was then that they could work on a proposal to do a two lane road with turn lanes at three selected locations. Although they had yet to do the actual traffic studies, they thought it was probable that the difficulty was in the turning and not in the traffic moving through. They also looked at undergrounding the electric wires on the south side of Broadway. The neighbors had agreed verbally that they would help pay for the cost of getting the service from the underground to their house. The total cost to be funded was about \$4.5 million. If Council decided to proceed after holding the public hearing, they were recommending an engineering firm be hired to handle all aspects of this project. He thought it might serve well as a design build project. They were suggesting holding a public hearing to decide whether or not to proceed in this direction.

Mr. Janku understood the resolution would set the hearing for August 21st and suggested setting the public hearing for sometime in September instead due to the potentially long meeting on August 21st. Mr. Watkins noted there were several agendas in front of them that would be tough. Ms. Hoppe asked about September 18th. Mr. Watkins thought that date could work. Mr. Janku understood it was hard to predict since they did not know what the zoning issues would be for that night.

Mr. Loveless made the motion to amend R175-06 by changing the public hearing date to September 18, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The vote on R175-06, as amended, was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HINDMAN, CRAYTON, JANKU, HUTTON, LOVELESS, NAUSER, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. 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.

- B298-06 Rezoning property located on the southwest corner of North Garth Avenue and West Sexton Road from R-2 and C-1 to C-P; approving the Covenant CDC Garth & Sexton Project C-P Development Plan; approving a reduced number of parking spaces; allowing less stringent yard and screening requirements.
- B299-06 Rezoning property located between Paris Road (State Route B) and Alpine Drive, south of U. S. Highway 63 from M-C to C-P; setting forth conditions of approval.
- B300-06 Rezoning property located on the west side of Parker Street, approximately 250 feet north of the intersection of Northland Drive and Parker Street from A-1 to R-1.
- B301-06 Approving the C-P Development Plan of Premier Bank – Bethel Banking Center located on the northeast corner of Nifong Boulevard and Bethel Street; approving a revised statement of intent.
- B302-06 Approving the PUD Development Plan of Bay Hills Condos located on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection of Grace Lane and Pebble Beach Drive; allowing a reduction in the perimeter setback.
- B303-06 Approving the Final Plat of Old Hawthorne, Plat No. 1 located on the north side of State Route WW, east of Cedar Grove Road; authorizing performance contracts.
- B304-06 Approving the Final Plat of The Villages at Arbor Pointe Plat 1 located on the west side of Brown Station Road, north of Waco Road, extended; authorizing a performance contract.
- B305-06 Vacating drainage and sanitary sewer easements located within Madison Park Plat 1.
- B306-06 Authorizing a parking improvement agreement with the Unit Owners Association of the Columbia/Boone County Health Department Condominium; calling for bids through the purchasing division.
- B307-06 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for engineering services relating to the design of Scott Boulevard between Rollins Road and Brookview Terrace.
- B308-06 Confirming the contract with Dome Corp of North America for construction of a salt storage facility on the east end of Big Bear Boulevard; appropriating funds.
- B309-06 Confirming the contract with Sircal Contracting, Inc. for refurbishment and expansion of the Columbia Transit Wabash Station facility.
- B310-06 Confirming the contract with Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for reconstruction of Hope Place from West Boulevard to Hardin Street, including construction of a sidewalk adjacent to the back of the curb on the north side of Hope Street.
- B311-06 Accepting conveyances for drainage, sewer, utility, sidewalk, street, temporary construction and access rights.
- B312-06 Authorizing the acquisition of property located at 411 N. Fifth Street for park purposes.

- B313-06 Authorizing an agreement with Ameresco Jefferson City LLC for the purchase of electricity from a landfill gas plant located in Jefferson City, MO.
- B314-06 Accepting conveyance; authorizing payment of differential costs for water main serving Forest Ridge, Plat 3; approving the Engineer’s Final Report.
- B315-06 Accepting conveyance; authorizing payment of differential costs for water main serving Heritage Woods, Plat 1; approving the Engineer’s Final Report.
- B316-06 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to add a section relating to automated traffic control systems (red light cameras); authorizing a request for proposals process for the installation, operation and administration of a red light camera system.
- B317-06 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to conflicts of interest rules for several city commissions.
- B318-06 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure procedures.
- B319-06 Setting property tax rates for 2006.
- B320-06 Setting tax rate for all taxable property in the Special Business District of the City of Columbia for the year 2006.
- B321-06 Adopting the FY 2007 Budget for the Special Business District.
- B322-06 Adopting the FY 2007 Budget.

**REPORTS AND PETITIONS**

**(A) Intra-departmental transfer of funds.**

Report accepted.

**(B) Street closure request.**

Mr. Watkins stated this was a request from the Old Wheels Car Club and was done annually. This year they were asking to move the proposed streets into the Flat Branch area. The CCA Board had reviewed and approved it and staff had no objections.

Mayor Hindman made a motion to approve the street closure as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutton and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(C) Smiley Lane – parking prohibition.**

Mr. Watkins explained this report was asking the Council to consider prohibiting parking on both sides of Smiley Lane. This would be west of 763 to its western terminus. If the Council concurred, a motion directing staff to prepare legislation would be appropriate.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to draft an ordinance. He noted, in the past, he had suggested this would be appropriate for bike lanes. He thought it had been sent to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission for their recommendation. Assuming this moved forward as recommended by staff, he pointed out this was something he would be following up with.

Mr. Loveless noted when they did this, they found they increased the speed on these streets. He stated that was seen on Chapel Hill between Scott Boulevard and Grant Lane. With no parking on both sides, it was a nice wide street and people flew down it. He thought

the addition of painted and striped bike lanes would be a visual barrier to carrying a higher rate of speed.

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

**(D) Alexander Avenue traffic calming.**

Mr. Watkins noted staff had met with the neighbors and the general consensus was that two speed humps on Alexander Avenue would be the appropriate traffic calming. The cost was about \$9,000. If Council decided to do this, it would come out of the traffic safety fund.

Ms. Crayton made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution setting a public hearing for the installation of the speed humps at Alexander Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loveless. Mayor Hindman asked how far apart the humps were. Mr. Glascock replied he thought it was 1,200-1,500 feet.

The motion, made by Ms. Crayton and seconded by Mr. Loveless, was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(E) Bow hunting on City property.**

Mr. Watkins explained for the past three years, Council had allowed limited bow hunting on some City properties. Last year, they added three additional properties. This year, staff was recommending continuing the program for the upcoming bow season without adding additional properties.

Mr. Loveless noted he had asked staff to examine several specific suggestions he had given them and was satisfied with their response. He felt the status quo, this year, was appropriate on this program.

Ms. Hoppe asked if she wanted a review of whether the Grindstone Nature Area should have bow hunting, if this was the appropriate time for that discussion. Mayor Hindman replied it would, but noted a change would have to be done by ordinance. Ms. Hoppe explained she had received input from people that biked down Grindstone. The concern was that it added a nervous factor when one knew bow hunters were out there. She asked that an ordinance be prepared to discuss it in the future or that a report be provided on how bow hunting in the Grindstone Nature Area was working. Mr. Watkins stated they would be pleased to prepare a report, but noted bow season would start before she would have a report and there were two reads of an ordinance. Ms. Hoppe asked when it started. Ms. Nauser replied September 15th. Mr. Watkins explained they were holding the annual hunter registration program and they needed to be able to tell people where they could and could not bow hunt. If they had to wait for a report and two readings of the ordinance, it would pose some practical difficulties. Ms. Nauser asked how long bow season was. Mr. Loveless replied the season ended on January 15th. Ms. Hoppe stated she would like to look at it sometime. She understood it would be too late to change things for this season. Mr. Janku noted they received the number of deer per location every year and thought she could evaluate the effectiveness and the issues at that time. Mr. Loveless thought that was appropriate and stated he would provide Ms. Hoppe with some safety and accident reports

on hunting that he had put together. Ms. Hoppe commented that people who were concerned could provide input to the Parks & Recreation Department and obtain the safety information from her or Mr. Loveless. Mr. Watkins understood Ms. Hoppe was asking staff to prepare a report following the upcoming bow hunting season, which would be presented to the Council in February or March after the results had been calculated at the various locations. Ms. Hoppe replied that was correct.

Mr. Loveless noted one of the things lacking in the reports was more specificity in regard to if deer were taken and where they were taken from. He wanted that data to see if they were being effective. He asked the Parks & Recreation staff to emphasize, during orientation, that hunters should report to the City when taking a deer in regard to where they took it and what sex it was. Mr. Hood replied they could do that. He pointed out they had been asking for that each year, but noted they could put a stronger emphasis on it. He explained they worked with Mr. George of the Conservation Department and in the past they had asked the hunters to report the deer taken to him. That was where their numbers had come from. Mr. Loveless commented if they had an area where the public was uneasy about seeing hunters and they did not take any deer there, he did not think there would be a reason to keep it on the list, if the intent of the program was to take some deer out of the herd.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff for a report at the end of deer season, specifically including the Grindstone Nature Area, the number and gender of the deer taken and any citizen concerns that had been registered. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(F) 2006 Water & Light customer satisfaction survey.**

Mr. Dasho explained this was the annual survey where they called a number of customers and did a statistical analysis on the quality of communication and services. The results of the survey were consistent to what they had seen in the past. They received high marks for the value of the service provided as well as their responsiveness to the customers. He noted they did this on a regular basis to get input from the customers on not only how well they were doing, but also on how well they were communicating their programs to their customers.

Mr. Loveless thought the Water & Light Department was doing an excellent job. In regard to question 11, which related to whether a private developer should pay for lines and how those costs should be shared, his concern was that the person being questioned did not understand it would not be the developer that paid it and that the cost would be rolled into the cost of the new home. He asked that when this survey was done again that the person being questioned be informed that it would not be the developer paying the cost, but the new homeowner. He wondered if that would change the response.

Mr. Janku asked what the mechanism was to respond to major outages and if the City had something in place in terms of a phone system that could handle a large volume of calls. Mr. Dasho replied there was a system in place to answer phone calls, take phone numbers and coordinate that with their monitoring system, so they knew where the outages were occurring. After the first five calls in a specific area, they knew of the problem. The difficulty was that the system could be overwhelmed if 100 people called in at once. Customers would

misconstrue the fact they were not able to get through as them not being aware of the outage. They did in fact know of the outage and had crews going out. They just could not get the phone system to answer that many phone calls. Mr. Janku asked if there was a system where the numbers could be stored and if the customers could be called back. Mr. Dasho replied, currently, if the lines were overloaded, it would tell the person calling to call back later. It did have the option to record the numbers and ask for a call back. Mr. Janku asked if the customer understood their message was getting through even though they were not talking to someone. Mr. Dasho replied that once the outage had been identified, they told the phone system, so when someone called in from that area, it would tell them they were responding to the outage.

Ms. Crayton noted with the incident in St. Louis, the phones were also out. She felt the City needed to have a plan to identify and assist disabled and bed-bound people if the electricity went out. Ms. Nauser asked if they included a preparedness list in regard to what to do during a power outage for an extended period of time in the newsletter that was included with the utility bill. Mr. Dasho replied he was not sure, but noted that was a good idea. In regard to Ms. Crayton's comment involving the phones, she was correct in that if the electricity went out the phones might not work as well and if someone called in with a cell phone, it might not identify them at the right location. He stated they would need to look at their outage management system in regard to people with special needs.

Ms. Crayton made a motion directing staff to provide a report on what could be done for special needs customers if there was an extended power outage. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**(G) City downtown office space.**

This report was discussed with R174-06 under New Business.

**(H) Historic West Broadway improvement project from Garth Avenue to West Boulevard.**

This report was discussed with R175-06 under New Business.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to look at the bicycle rack ordinance and whether the space requirement could be reduced. Mr. Hutton commented that they had the other extreme as well and noted Sams had 50 bicycle spots, which was too many in his opinion. Ms. Hoppe revised her motion to direct staff to review the bicycle rack ordinance in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loveless and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe understood the residential neighborhood speed limit was 30 mph and noted in Colorado Springs, the speed limit was 25 mph unless posted otherwise. She wondered whether neighborhoods could request a lower speed limit where appropriate. Ms. Hoppe made the motion directing staff to look at neighborhood speed limits and options for lowering speed limits in certain neighborhoods. The motion was seconded by Mayor

Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Loveless asked that the report also include the history and philosophy dictating the 30 mph. Mr. Janku understood MoDOT determined the speed limit based upon what people drove. Mr. Glascock noted people would drive at the speed they were most comfortable regardless of what was posted unless there was enforcement. Ms. Crayton agreed.

Ms. Crayton stated she had received a lot of complaints about prostitution and other criminal activities on Garth going to the Business Loop on both sides of the street. She wanted the City to do something about the situation. She noted they were going to meet with the Police Chief and the Neighborhood Response Team, but was not sure that would solve the problem. She stated she was going to contact a person in Kansas City who ran a program called COMBAT, which was an anti-drug and crime task force, to talk to them to obtain other ideas on assisting with the situation. She understood this program was funded through a sales tax and focused on assisting with vacant homes or homes in bad shape. Ms. Crayton made a motion directing staff to join her in talking to the people running the COMBAT program to assist with coming up with other measures to help alleviate the problem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loveless and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku noted a while back they had received a list of proposals to the road plan from CATSO Technical Committee. He stated he had concerns about the potential extension of Bear Creek Boulevard to Garth and east to Northland Drive. He felt the westward extension could have a negative impact on the Bear Creek Trail, and therefore, wanted to obtain input from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Janku made a motion to obtain input from Parks and Recreation Commission regarding this issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutton and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku understood they had an application for annexation and rezoning coming for property adjacent to and possibly extending over Perche Creek. He thought it was for R-1 zoning and noted Perche Creek was one of the major pedway routes. He pointed out it was not a planned development and wondered if they could come up with a development agreement to address the issue. Mr. Janku made a motion for staff to work with the property owner to obtain a development agreement or address the issue regarding the pedway in this area. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hutton and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Nauser stated she felt upgrading the water mains should be cost specific to the neighborhood. She did not feel the community as a whole should pay for the differential. Mr. Hutton pointed out the increase was for the neighboring subdivision, not the current subdivision. It was for anticipated development down the road. Mayor Hindman thought one could argue both ways on that issue. Ms. Nauser agreed. Mr. Janku thought what they were hoping for was some way to recover money from the property owner down the road. Mayor Hindman thought the first neighborhood benefited as well because if they did not upgrade the water main and only extended the smaller one to the new neighborhoods, the first

neighborhood would lose water pressure. Ms. Nauser noted she had already asked for a report and was re-asking for the report at this time.

Ms. Nauser commented that she had a good experience flying in and out of the Columbia Airport this weekend. She stated the people were very nice and they were on time both ways. She thanked the Airport staff. She also thanked the Water and Light staff for the survey results.

Mayor Hindman noted they had received the nuisance property report and thought that needed to be added to their list.

Mayor Hindman stated he visited with Terry Wilson, who had an interesting idea regarding the new Wilson's Fitness Center, which had a levy around it to keep Hinkson Creek from flooding it. He was proposing to build a trail along the top of the levy that would go up to Lake Woodrail Estates and come off of Forum Boulevard. He also proposed building a bicycle/pedestrian bridge across the Hinkson Creek to the MKT Trail. He noted people were complaining about the potential problem as this facility opened. People going south would want to make a left hand turn into Wilson's and just to the north of that driveway was a bridge, which caused bicycles, pedestrians and automobile drivers a considerable amount of concern. He thought they could remove the bicycle and pedestrian traffic from the bridge by putting bicycle and pedestrian routes on the outside of the bridge. They could also combine that with the access on this trail and the bridge onto the MKT Trail. This would also allow the stacking of the left hand turn vehicles to go out onto that bridge. He felt that could solve a lot of problems in the area. He thought they could work out some kind of public/private partnership because they were very anxious to do it. Mayor Hindman made a motion directing staff to contact Mr. Wilson, to review this and to come up with some possibilities. Ms. Nauser noted she had received some calls on the issue as well and wondered if they could post a warning sign that there might be traffic entering and exiting off of Forum Boulevard to make that turn into Wilson's. Mayor Hindman agreed to include that in his motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Glascock noted for the record that when they reviewed this Wilson's facility, staff made the comment that they might need a left turn lane on Forum and Wilson's assured them they would not because they would not generate that much traffic. He stated they had been working with Wilson's in trying to get a left turn lane, but they had been against it. They were now proceeding in some other directions like a right in/right out. Mayor Hindman wondered if they thought with the bridge it would be impossible for a left turn lane. With it now being possible, he thought they might be more enthusiastic. Mr. Glascock did not think the bridge was wide enough for a left turn lane. Mayor Hindman stated he paced it off and thought it was wide enough for a 9 foot turn lane. Mr. Glascock pointed out the standard was 12 feet. Mayor Hindman did not believe they needed 12 feet. Mr. Glascock noted it was needed if people tried to drive by the stacking. Ms. Hoppe asked if they could move their entrance south. Mayor Hindman thought they would have to move it pretty far south to accommodate a turn lane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin

City Clerk