



Columbia City Council Meeting Recap
Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall
7:00 PM
Monday, August 7, 2017

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Pledge of Allegiance	(Recited as indicated.)
Roll Call	(All members present.)
Approval of Minutes	(Minutes approved for previous meeting.)
Adjustment of Agenda	(R105-17 moved to New Business at the request of Skala.)

SPECIAL ITEMS

SI6-17 Shelter Insurance check presentation to Mekhia Thompson, winner of a Success Grant funded by the Shelter Foundation in partnership with the City of Columbia.
(Action: Presentation made as indicated.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
(None.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC47-17 David Aguayo - Working with the citizens of Columbia, Missouri.
(Action: Presented as indicated. Focused on the decision-making management style of governments. Indicated that sometimes public input is sought, but not valued. Suggested that sometimes professional consultants are listened to more than citizens. Engagement-based decision making should not marginalize input; should provide good information upfront from many points of view; should create meetings that are not dominated by leadership; and should be fair throughout the process.)

SPC48-17 Mary Hussmann - The upcoming eclipse of the sun.
(Action: Described how a man she knew looked at an earlier eclipse through a telescope and burnt his eye. She wants people to be very careful and indicated that the city should promote full eye protection in all of its messaging. Telescopes, binoculars and cameras need filters. Sunglasses do not provide sufficient protection. Do not look at the sky when the sun is not completely blocked. The longer you look at the sun, the more damage occurs. There is no immediate pain, so don't be fooled. Do not look at the sun. Consider not taking very small children out to the event. Ask teachers to watch the kids, not the eclipse. I think more public awareness needs to be undertaken by the city.)

SPC49-17 Lynn Maloney - National trends in spending on public safety and health and

human services.

(Action: Cited a report from the Center for Democracy. We spend about \$300 per capita on social services. We think we should value social services over policing because it can be more effective. Criticized the police department's decision to do saturation policing.

SPC50-17 Peggy Placier - The value of policing and assessing the need for more officers.

(Action: Escalating spending on policing is based on an erroneous idea that more spending on police does not insure better outcomes in terms of crime rates. Public safety is really affected by better spending on jobs, housing and social programs. Asked city to do an analysis of their spending and asked if we have ever studied the value of other programs vs. police budget expenditures. Speaker indicated that the city has indicated that sometimes increased budgets for police are not necessary. We want people to thrive.

SPC51-17 Pat Holt - Columbians cherish Columbia's wild nature spaces.

(Action: Speaker indicated that AARP featured an article that indicated that walking through nature is better than walking through a city. Showed a short video with people talking about the value of nature.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH25-17 Proposed construction of sidewalks along portions of Lynn Street, Oak Street and Sexton Road.

(Action: The City of Columbia is proposing to complete a sidewalk project in the central part of Columbia to fill in sidewalk gaps along Lynn Street, Oak Street, and Sexton Road. The project is being completed in conjunction with an affordable housing development, a stormwater project, and a sanitary sewer project. Total cost is \$213,000. Several residential driveways would have to be relocated and replaced with this design.

No public comment. Thomas indicated his support. Skala believed that it was consistent with the strategic plan and filling in gaps in connectivity. Ruffin thought it was an exciting plan and moved adoption.

Proposal adopted unanimously.)

PH26-17 Proposed construction of improvements at the Valleyview Park to include replacement of the existing playground and baseball/softball backstop and installation of an ADA walkway and drinking fountain.

(Action: These two projects are funded by the Parks Sales Tax. The total budget is \$60,000. The first item authorizes the expenditure of funds. The second item calls for bids on the project.

No public comment.

Trapp thought public participation was good on this project and indicate strong support. Skala thought it was important to remind people how well-run the Parks Department is. Noted that Parks has a dedicated tax.

Proposal adopted unanimously.)

B210-17 Authorizing construction of improvements at the Valleyview Park to include replacement of the existing playground and baseball/softball backstop and

installation of an ADA walkway and drinking fountain; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division.

(Action: **Based on passage of the previous item, permission to issue a call for bids was approved unanimously.**)

PH27-17 Voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Arrowhead Lake Drive and north of Sinclair Road (Case No. 17-156).

Recommended Action: [See B231-17 Under Intro & 1st Read/Mayor Memo]

(Action: This is the public hearing. The applicants are seeking annexation and permanent R-1 (One-family Dwelling) zoning of 2.52 acres of their property as part of a pending sale contract with the adjacent property owners to the east. The subject site is a portion of a currently unimproved common lot containing 4.82 acres. If annexed and permanently zoned, the subject site would be merged with the adjoining 24-acres, currently "land-locked" without roadway frontage, permitting its future subdivision and development into four 6+ acre lots for residential dwellings. The adjoining 24 acres is within the City limits and is concurrently proposed for rezoning to R-1 (Case #17-155). The property owners are proposing the annexation to ensure that the adjacent 24-acre tract of land will have actual street frontage and access to public utilities prior to its future subdivision and development. Within the subject tract there is a public sewer line maintained by the Boone County Regional Sewer District under a connection agreement with the City. The sewer line has sufficient capacity to support the four new residential lots. Other utilities serving the subject tract and the adjacent acreage are supplied by Boone Electric and Consolidated Water District. West Arrowhead Lake Drive is a county-owned and maintained roadway.

Thomas asked for clarification of which parts of this area are already inside the city limits. Staff described the layout and indicated that this was a small bump out. Confirmed that the site was within the Urban Service Area.

No public comment.

No statutory requirement to act on this item tonight. This was only a public hearing. No action taken.)

OLD BUSINESS

B170-17 Approving a Major Amendment to the PD Plan for Residences at Old Hawthorne located on Residence Drive and east of Old Hawthorne Drive West to waive sidewalk construction within the development (Case No. 17-113).

(Tabled at the July 17, 2017 Council Meeting.)

(Action: The 8.2-acre subject site is located along Residence Drive (a private street), east of Old Hawthorne Drive West. The applicant is requesting approval to waive construction of all sidewalks within this PUD development. The request is based on two conditions noted by the applicant - the lack of sidewalk connectivity and the future location of the sidewalks in the front yards of the individual residential lots. After evaluating the circumstances included with the sidewalk waiver request, and considering several alternative methods for either constructing the sidewalk or applying the value of the sidewalks to another project, staff could not identify a clear alternative to the waiver, and therefore recommended approval of the request.

P&Z Commissioners earlier expressed concerns regarding the circumstances and issues that precipitated the request to waive the sidewalk installation. The Commission inquired about possible alternatives to

waiving the sidewalk. Staff reiterated the different scenarios that were identified in the staff report that were considered prior arriving at its recommendation to support the waiver. Staff noted that the lack of private street standards contributed to the current request and recommended that such standards be developed to avoid similar requests in the future. Citing frustration with the situation, the Commission acknowledged that creation of private street standards was warranted to ensure that private streets are designed to a certain minimum standard that will adequately allow for sidewalks.

Further investigation has indicated that a payment in lieu of construction COULD be charged to the developer (this was in dispute earlier) so an amendment setting an amount and parameters for use of those proceeds could be added to the request. The proposed amendment stipulates that the owner pay \$40,500 to the city in lieu of sidewalk construction. That money will be held in escrow for seven years and can only be used for the construction or maintenance of sidewalks within or immediately adjacent to the Old Hawthorne development. If no projects are identified within seven years, the owner gets the money back.

Mayor asked how the \$40,500 figure was determined. Staff indicated that it was an engineering estimate. Did not include the cost of tearing up driveways and front yards.

No public testimony.

Peters asked how we will prevent such oversights from occurring in the future. Staff indicated that because there were no standards for private streets in the past and that led to confusion on this project. Staff believes that issue has been resolved going forward. This was an anomaly and is actually a good use of land but it did not comply with typical expectations. Peters asked if they could not put the sidewalks right next to the curb. Staff indicated that that could occur, but that there were other mitigating factors. In the future, staff would require that, but retrofitting was difficult.

Thomas indicated that he was pleased with the offer to pay in lieu-of fees.

**Amendment to assess in-lieu-of fee passed unanimously.
Amended motion passed unanimously.)**

B209-17 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code relating to the metering of electricity for residential dwelling units.

(Action: These changes are to address issues with on-site electric generation facilities that are not compatible with distributed metering of residential electric service. Currently, Section 27-111 only allows master metering for “alternative power sources which are incompatible with single metering” that are located in planned zoning districts. Water & Light has recently been approached by the property owner of an apartment complex not in a planned zoning districts that would like to install a photovoltaic system and convert to master metering. (See R112-17 in New Business). It is the staff’s recommendation that this revision to Section 27-111 be made to allow residential facilities to request City Council approval of electric master metering, “for good cause shown”, in any zoning designations.

Mayor asked about the current policy. Under current scheme, you can only have master metering in Planned Districts. Back-up generators and photovoltaic are the only instances where this is invoked currently. Are the rates lower for master metering than for individual metering? Staff indicated that it depends on volume and draw. Mayor indicated that he was concerned about the wording of the

amendment. He likes using solar energy sources, but he believes that the “good cause” phrase is incorrect.

Skala asked if there was an incentive to use master metering. Staff indicated that it was not really an incentive, it was revenue neutral. Mayor wants to preserve the link between master metering and alternative energy sources so wants to re-word the amendment. Staff indicated that it is a good idea to keep conservation efforts on the tenants, so individual metering is a good idea, but that in this instance it is not feasible.

Pitzer asked why it was written this way in the first place. Staff indicated that it was because they didn’t think of this scenario. Mayor asked if there is a way to privately meter the distribution of solar power and does that make them a reseller of electricity? Staff indicated that there are rules that govern that. City attorney indicated that owners cannot charge a higher rate. Thomas asked about levels of rates charged. Staff indicated that this is considered to be a small general service customer, and that there are tiered rates.

Public hearing was opened.

Engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant. Indicated that he was a civil engineer and was appearing on behalf of the group that would actually install this technology. Speaker indicated that this way to use the system was more efficient for the system, was more cost effective and helped eliminate future repair costs with the system. Indicated that this would convert all lighting to LED lighting in parking areas and that this fits the project. Could be different for a hospital or other private homes.

No further public comment.

Pitzer asked that staff be empowered to make such decisions and if the council makes a good policy, it will prevent people from having to come to the council for permission. Skala indicated that sometimes staff wants the concurrence of the council and that he wants council oversight. Trapp thought it should be a staff decision.

Amendment to strike requirement for council oversight. Motion to that effect made.

Amendment passed to allow for staff approval.

Motion to approve bill passed unanimously.)

B212-17 Authorizing a school resource officer agreement with the Columbia School District.

(Action: A School Resource Officer cost sharing agreement for FY2018 has been negotiated with the Columbia Public School District. This agreement is similar to previous School Resource Officer agreements. Columbia Public School District will compensate the City of Columbia 50% of the salary and benefits for the four School Resource Officers. The term of the agreement is August 15, 2017 through June 29, 2018 and Columbia Public School District’s share is \$172,019. Two technical amendments indicating that CPD is the sole supervisor of the officers on-site and updated contractual language were added.

No public comment.

Technical amendments adopted.

Motion passed unanimously.)

B214-17 Amending Chapter 24 of the City Code to add a new Article X pertaining to public utility rights-of-way management.

(Action: On April 3, 2017, staff prepared a report for council with a draft of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 24, which provides staff the ability to properly regulate and enforce work being done within the public rights-of-way. After Council discussion, staff was directed to bring forward legislation for Council consideration and approval. This proposed ordinance provides for better oversight and accountability for work completed within the public rights-of-way and to ensure that any damaged infrastructure would be required to be repaired to City specifications in order to maintain a safe right-of-way for the public. In order for staff to fully implement and enforce this ordinance as written, staff is requesting an additional Engineering Technician (site inspector) position and a reclassification of an existing Engineering Technician position to a Right of Way Technician. These two positions are essential to manage the requirements of this new ordinance as well as the previously adopted legislation commonly referred to as the “public inconvenience fee”. Conservatively, assuming that more right of way permits are issued at fifty (\$50) dollars each, this would result in an estimated \$84,000 in additional revenue that would cover the personnel costs for the additional position. The ordinance following this one changes the classifications for the employees.

Staff indicated that public utilities were a little different than private contractors. Pitzer indicated that he thought the existing rule covered it. Staff said state statute covered utilities differently so this change was suggested. City attorney indicated that this was a clarification because utilities believed in the past that they were exempt from permits. This creates the obligation for the utilities to inform and apply for permits. Skala indicated that he thought this was a coordination effort, but asked if this would obligate the city to have even more inspection responsibilities. Staff indicated that this makes utilities adhere to the same rules as private developers. City manager indicated that some utilities are better than others and that some practices such as poor reconstruction, blocking of other utilities and unsafe practices have led to this.

Public comment was opened.

First speaker appeared on behalf of Boone Electric Cooperative. Indicated they have a long history of working with the city. Indicated that he was opposed to this change. First, he indicated that if this motion passed it would relinquish design control to the city, even though they are bound by other rules. We do not want to give up our ability to provide the best service to our customers. Secondly, this ordinance says no overhead utilities can be constructed. We prefer underground, but sometimes we need to do overhead and do tree trimming. Another item is timing. If we are notified of some infraction, we are given 10 days to respond to a conflict in the plan. Language gives the city 31 days – only gives us 10 days. We think you should take a step back and reconsider this.

Mayor asked if there was a better solution or if this is just junk. Speaker indicated that there are other problems. Indicated that he needs control of the process. Mayor asked if they were putting their assets on city property, shouldn't the city have oversight? Speaker indicated that they know their systems better than outside parties. Speaker indicated that he did participate in some earlier work sessions on this topic, but that not all topics came up initially, and that it was a waste of time to joust over topics until there was better legal input at that time. Indicated that he is here now and making a point.

Skala asked how much power this actually gives city staff. City staff indicated that there was a section that indicated that the city could regulate the size of infrastructure and restrict placement as the earlier speaker had indicated. City attorney indicated that this was more about knowing what is in the city right-of-way than it was regulating the design of the utility system. City attorney did indicate that they could restrict availability of right-of-way and they could deny access if necessary. Both sides acknowledged that this was an uncomfortable situation.

Next speaker indicated that there is an operational problem with this legislation. Indicated that they work side-by-side with city people every day and that this language is bad. It slows us down. What if there is an emergency situation for repair in a right-of-way? New rules could delay fixing customers' problems. Added that there is restrictive language about tree trimming and overhead lines.

Next speaker indicated that he is an attorney for Boone Electric. Indicated that he sent questions to the city in February. They were not answered, so he believed that this proposal had been set aside. Further questioned the basis for this reach of city government under state statute. Believes this is not covered by state law. Cited the portion of the law that deals with excavations and believes that excavations, such as poles, cannot be enforced. The tree trimming language of state law indicates that the utility has the right to trim trees and that there are conflicts with state law.

Skala asked about replacement poles. Said he understood the right to put in a pole, but wanted to know if they did not respect the right of the city to maintain a good right-of-way. City attorney indicated that state statute DOES exempt pole placement, but only in limited circumstances. Also, indicated that this ordinance includes language that recognizes contravening laws.

President of Boone Electric asked for tabling of this motion. Believed that this ordinance has more negative than positive effects and that it could lead to longer power outages and less responsive service. Claimed that they have never left a job site unrepaired. Believes that this is counterproductive but does not fulfill their core idea of continuous improvement.

A representative of Socket Telecom appeared and indicated that they often compete against government providers and others. Believed that this would impair their ability to compete. Prohibition on aerial construction is of great concern. Why can we not replace lines on poles that already exist. This regulation requires us to get a permit every time we do an excavation even if it is 60 days later on the same job. We need to clarify what a new drop is. We need to table this. We do pay a gross receipts tax. We don't dispute that the city has the right to impose some sort of permitting fee, but this is not right. Speaker indicated that there is a lack of clarity over what permit would be required and that it could lead to excessive cost and delay.

Mayor asked if they could exempt people who have existing territorial agreements. City attorney indicated any rule needs to be fair across the board. Mayor thought the people who appeared tonight were good players, and that the people who were not here were maybe the culprits. City Manager indicated that there was no harm in tabling for tonight and work this out. Skala indicated that there may be some practical issues involved, but likes the idea of inspections.

Motion to table was made.

Motion to table to October 16 since there will be 3 council members missing on October 2. Passed unanimously.)

B215-17 Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Community Development Department - Building & Site Development Division; amending the FY 2017 Classification and Pay Plan by adding a classification.

(Action: Because the previous item was tabled, there was discussion about going forward with the administrative change until the other item was resolved. Mayor suggested waiting to make this move. Staff indicated that they had one vacant position and they need to hire at an A12 grade rather than an A10 grade. Would prefer not to wait to fill that position.

No public discussion.

Trapp indicated that he would prefer to allow the staff to advertise the new position at the higher level.
Motion to approve as submitted passed 5 – 2.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(All items remaining on Consent Agenda approved as submitted.)

B199-17 Approving a major amendment to the C-P Plan for Lots 4 & 5 Discovery Park Sub. Plat 2B and approving the PD Plans for Lot 4 Discovery Park Plat 2-B & Lots 501 & 502 Discovery Park Plat 2-C for property located on the southwest corner of Nocona Parkway and Ponderosa Street; approving a revised statement of intent (Case No. 17-128).

B200-17 Approving the Final Plat of Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 2-C, a Replat of all of Lot 5 of Discovery Park 2-B, located on the west side of Nocona Parkway and south of Ponderosa Street (Case No. 17-129).

B201-17 Approving a major amendment to the PUD development plan of A. Perry Philips Park, Phase I and approving the PD - Plan of Columbia Indoor Sports Complex Philips Park for property located on the northeast corner of Gans Road and Bristol Lake Parkway, west of the current terminus of Philips Farm Road (Case No. 17-142).

B202-17 Approving the Final Plat of The Villas at Old Hawthorne Plat 9A, a Replat of a portion of Lot 5 of Old Hawthorne Plat 1, located on the west side of Screaming Eagle Lane and south of Old Hawthorne Drive East; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 17-139).

B203-17 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for construction phase services relating to the reconstruction of Taxiways C, C1 and C2 at the Columbia Regional Airport; appropriating funds.

B204-17 Appropriating funds to cover overages in the parking utility due to the purchase of replacement parking meters and equipment upgrades.

B205-17 Amending the FY 2017 Classification and Pay Plan by reassigning a classification.

B206-17 Authorizing construction of improvements, repairs and upgrades to the leachate collection and storage facilities at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B207-17 Authorizing construction of Bioreactor Landfill Disposal Cell #6 at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; appropriating funds.

B208-17 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with

Engineering Surveys and Services, LLC for design and surveying services relating to the Business Loop 70 Phase 6A water main improvement project.

B211-17 Amending the City of Columbia, Missouri, Money Purchase Plan.

B213-17 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Center, to provide salary and benefits funding of an entrepreneurship program coordinator position.

B216-17 Accepting donated funds from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to supplement the funding for the trust specialist position in the City Manager's Office; appropriating funds.

R102-17 Setting a public hearing: setting property tax rates for 2017 for the City of Columbia.

R103-17 Setting a public hearing: FY 2018 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.
Recommended Action: [Read & Vote/Mayor Memo]

R104-17 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Forum Boulevard and Green Meadows Road intersection improvement project.

R105-17 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road, between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive.

(Moved to New Business from Consent Agenda at the request of Skala.)

R106-17 Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Alta Planning + Design for consulting services relating to the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program (GetAbout) project evaluation.

R107-17 Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to the professional engineering services agreement with CDG Engineers, Inc. for design services for construction of pedway, trail and shoulder improvements along Clark Lane between Paris Road and the east side of the Highway 63 Connector, and south along Hinkson Creek between Clark Lane and the south side of I-70.

R108-17 Authorizing an agreement with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, on behalf of the Missouri Opioid-Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education Project, to provide training and a supply of an overdose reversal medication to the Columbia Police Department.

R109-17 Authorizing an antenna lease agreement with Alamosa Missouri Properties, LLC to expand telecommunication coverage at the Columbia Regional Airport.

R110-17 Authorizing an agreement with the Memorial Day Weekend - Salute to Veterans Corporation for an air show to be held at Columbia Regional Airport May 25-27, 2018; and authorizing the City Manager to provide support services for the Memorial Day activities planned by that organization.

R111-17 Consenting to an assignment and assumption of the agreement for professional engineering services for the Boiler 8 nitrogen oxide (NOx) reduction project at the Municipal Power Plant with SEGA, Inc. to POWER Engineers, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

R112-17 Granting a waiver from the requirements of Section 27-111 of the City Code to allow master metering of the apartment complex and associated buildings

located at 5001 S. Providence Road to accommodate the installation of a solar photovoltaic system.

(Action: **Because of the passage of an earlier policy, this item was withdrawn from consideration and no vote was taken.**)

R105-17 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Oakland Gravel Road, between Blue Ridge Road and Edris Drive.

(Action: **Moved to New Business from Consent Agenda by Skala.**)

Skala asked why some sidewalks were five feet and some were six. Staff indicated that it had more to do with existing yards and setbacks from the road than by a prescriptive rule for width.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as indicated.)

B217-17 Calling a special election, to be held on November 7, 2017, on the question whether to impose a local use tax.

B218-17* Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure procedures.

B219-17 Setting property tax rates for 2017.

B220-17 Adopting the FY 2018 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

B221-17 Amending Chapter 11 of the City Code as it relates to Public Health and Human Services Department fees.

B222-17 Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater utility charges.

B223-17 Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code as it relates to hauled liquid waste rates.

B224-17 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to parking fees.

B225-17 Amending Chapter 17 of the City Code as it relates to Parks and Recreation fees.

B226-17 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to transportation fares.

B227-17 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to solid waste rates and services.

B228-17 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to sanitary sewer utility rates and sanitary sewer utility connection fees.

B229-17 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to accounts and billing and water rates.

B230-17 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to electric rates.

B231-17** Voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Arrowhead Lake Drive and north of Sinclair Road; establishing permanent R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District) zoning (Case No. 17-156).

B232-17** Rezoning property located on the east side of Arrowhead Lake Drive and north of Sinclair Road from District A (Agriculture) to District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) (Case No. 17-155).

B233-17* Approving the Final Plat of Columbia College Subdivision - Plat 3 located between Range Line Street and Eighth Street to the east and west, and between Wilkes Boulevard and Rogers Street to the north and south; granting design adjustments relating to street right-of-way width (Case No.

17-144).

B234-17* Approving the Final Plat of Spring Creek Plat 6, a Replat of Lots 401, 402 & 403 of Spring Creek Plat 4, located on the north side of Vawter School Road and east of Scott Boulevard (4103 Vawter School Road) (Case No. 17-153).

B235-17* Approving the Final Plat of Ridgemont Park, Plat No. 1 located on the south side of Ridgemont and adjacent to the southern terminus of College Park Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 17-158).

B236-17* Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code as it relates to planning and zoning processing fees.

B237-17* Authorizing a right of use permit for transit system purposes with The Curators of the University of Missouri for construction, operation and maintenance of a bus shelter and related facilities on property located on the north side of Southampton Drive, east of Providence Road.

B238-17* Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to remove on-street parking along a portion of the east side of Tiger Avenue.

B239-17* Accepting conveyances for street, sidewalk and transit system purposes.

B240-17* Appropriating funds to reimburse for a railcar unloading ramp and development of an automotive loading and unloading facility at the Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) transload site.

B241-17* Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding a position in the Finance Department - Accounting Division; amending the FY 2017 Classification and Pay Plan by adding a classification.

B242-17* Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for public health emergency preparedness services.

B243-17* Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for WIC local agency nutrition services.

REPORTS

REP65-17 Correspondence from Environment and Energy Commission regarding renewable energy.

(Action: A letter from the chair of the Energy and Environment Commission indicated that many members believe that the methodology used by the city Water and Light Department for evaluating the true cost of renewable energy is incorrect and that it is shortsighted. The letter indicates that renewables are decreasing in price; that they are a future-oriented source for electricity; that the arbitrary cap of 3% increase in cost should be eliminated; and that renewable technology is getting more efficient.

No specific action taken.)

REP66-17 GO COMO Bus Service Evaluation Final Report.

[Olsson Report - 7-24-17](#)

(Action: Staff presented a study completed by Olsson Associates that evaluates the current city bus system and proposes changes that would ostensibly improve efficiency of the system. Initial data was presented to the City Council in March of this year. Subsequent to the March 2017 Council work session, staff has proposed to eliminate three underutilized routes in the system, all located in southern Columbia: the Pink Route #6, the Dark Green Route #7 and the Light Green Route #8. Estimated savings by cutting these routes is projected to generate a savings of more than \$500,000. Moving forward to FY2019, staff supports the recommended alternatives and believes a transition from the current

coverage system to one based around transit propensity and the highest number of potential riders is consistent with transit planning trends around the country.

City staff believes the preferred alternatives presented by Olsson are more efficient and consistent than the current system, but would require modification to meet current budgetary constraints. Olsson Associates developed these proposed alternatives based on Transit's FY2016 budget; however, implementing these changes in 2018 would result in a budget increase of \$500,000/year.

Therefore, in order to implement the majority of these changes as budget neutral, staff recommends modifying the proposed alternatives by removing flex zones, adjusting at least one route to decrease frequency and eliminate an additional bus in service. Staff believes these alternatives are desirable by the majority of transit riding customers; therefore, based on the proposed route alternatives identified above, staff will schedule a public hearing in January of 2018 allowing for public input. Staff anticipates the changes could be implemented in August of 2018.

Thomas indicated that he would like to phase-in the cut of service until a flex service could be established. Staff admitted that the budget numbers they used were based on a 2016 scenario and that they were out of date, but that real costs were actually escalating. City Manager suggested going back to the original proposal and providing new numbers that reflect real costs. Skala asked for savings that were achieved from electric buses and asked that that be figured in. City Manager indicated they don't have that data to provide since the electric buses are so new. Peters suggested that people from El Chaparral are walking on roadsides and that she sees no expansion of the bus route at all. City Manager indicated that routing is part of the equation, but that at this point this service is paid for by sales tax and grants, and we are constrained as a city to provide this service.

No further discussion.

REP67-17 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

(Action: Report only. Transfers made by City Manager at the request of department heads.

No formal Council action required.)

GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Public

First speaker indicated that he was concerned about the floors at 10th and Locust had poor flooring and that safety was being ignored at this job site. Next, the speaker indicated that Boone Electric was raising its rates and you should be aware of that. Speaker listed the rate increases. Believed that raising rates on the poor is a bad idea and we should not do that in the city.

Council

Ruffin asked about free eclipse glasses. City Manager indicated that they had provided 37,000 free pairs of glasses and that some private businesses were offering free pairs. Also, some other places offer glasses for sale. Skala indicated that there were fake glasses on the market and that we should do more to warn people to be safe on eclipse day.

Skala asked about report about accreditation for police.

Trapp indicated that the bad workplace cited by a previous speaker was covered by OSHA standards.

Thomas suggested that he had spoken to a representative of subsidized housing units at Nifong and Bethel and noted their opposition to the current bus system cuts, but believed that there was a workable solution.

Peters asked about canceling the pre-council worksession on August 21. Council discussed various issues that could have been considered at that meeting, including the police association and an electrical fee discussion. City attorney indicated that bargaining was going well with police. **The general will of the council was to try and cancel the worksession on the 21st of August. Updates will follow.**

No further discussion

Staff

(No comments.)

ADJOURNMENT

(Time: 9:45 PM)

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