



## Columbia City Council Meeting Recap

Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall

7:00 PM

Monday, April 2, 2018

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### INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Pledge of Allegiance

(Recited as indicated.)

Roll Call

(Present: Treece, Trapp, Pitzer, Skala, Peters, Ruffin, Thomas)

(Absent: None.)

Approval of Minutes

(Minutes from March 5 and March 19, 2018 approved.)

Adjustment of Agenda

(B62-18 was moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business by the Mayor.)

### SPECIAL ITEMS

(None.)

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(None.)

### SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

**SPC14-18** Mark Tapia - April is Autism Awareness month with April 2nd being World Autism Awareness Day.

(Action: The speaker indicated that autism has a significant impact on families whose children are impacted by autism. The speaker has been impacted by autism and has been able to succeed. The speaker indicated the public should not give up.)

**SPC15-18** Pat Kelley - Getting About in Central Columbia.

(Action: The speaker expressed concern for expenditures on the Shepard/Rollins trail and believed that other Get About projects deserve consideration. She counted cars at the city core and noted that cyclists are underrepresented. She also noted that sometimes on Providence you have to backtrack to get to a safe crossing and that situation dissuades people from walking and biking. She indicated that many bus stops are not covered, and that walking areas don't always have trees. She also noted that there are neglected alleys and that maybe we could invest in areas where people really go and in parks and walking areas. There also need to be pedestrian benches. They may not be huge issues, but they are all barriers and many of these things are not expensive. Put funds toward these ideas first.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**PH10-18** Voluntary annexation of property located at the southwest corner of Highway

KK and Scott Boulevard (Case No.18-42). [See B68-18 under Intro & 1st Read/Mayor Memo]  
(Action: This is the required public hearing for the same action introduced at this meeting under First Read and Introduction. No vote will be taken on this item during this meeting.

Staff report presented a petition for annexation and indicated that the current zoning is Agricultural. The application is contingent on receiving M-N zoning. The property is located across from Beulah Ralph school and is located in River Hill subdivision. It is located at Route K, Route KK and Scott Boulevard. R-1 zoning is the predominant use in the area. It is currently an open field site. An offsite sewer project will be required even though sewer lines exist in this area because the existing sewer is at capacity. They may be required to build up to 3,000 feet of sewer connection. This is identified as a neighborhood use in the Comprehensive Plan, and this is a mixed use that is encouraged in the Comprehensive Plan. It is NOT located in the Urban Service Area, but it is contiguous.

Thomas asked how the Comprehensive Plan could identify the use for this area even though it is not in the Urban Service Area. Why was this identified in this manner. It seems to be a conflict. Staff indicated that the Comprehensive Plan sometimes identified areas and addressed them, but at the time not every single site was specifically identified. Thomas asked if people generally wanted this area to come into the city or not. Staff indicated that it was impossible to determine that from the input provided in public testimony. In other areas, compactness is a consideration, but not here.

Thomas further asked about the next comprehensive plan timeline and staff indicated that we are at the five-year anniversary of that plan and will begin plans for adopting a new plan.

The public hearing was opened.

An engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant and indicated that he would prefer to make his full presentation at the next hearing and indicated that neighborhood commercial and mixed use is encouraged by the Comprehensive Plan.

Skala indicated that this is straightforward, but that he is going to take a fairly conservative approach to new annexation. He is leery of leapfrogging and some of the problems with this are involve water capacity and cost of infrastructure improvements to serve new areas.

**The clerk indicated that this is scheduled for the Consent Agenda at the next meeting. Skala asked for it to be removed to Old Business on the next agenda.**

**No further action was taken.)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**B62-18** Approving the Final Plat of Guitar's Subdivision and Park Addition Plat 2, a Replat of all of Lot 69 and the East Half of Lot 70 of Guitars Subdivision and Park, located on the southwest corner of the Forest Avenue and Providence Road intersection (208 and 212 E. Forest Avenue); authorizing a performance contract (Case No.17-186).

**(Item moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business for technical amendment vote.)**

**(Action: Amendment to change date reported in documents was made.**

**Amendment was adopted.**

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

## CONSENT AGENDA

(All items remaining on Consent Agenda approved unanimously.)

**B61-18** Approving a Major Amendment to the C-P Plan for Crosscreek Center, Lot 105, located east of U.S. Highway 63, north of the terminus of Stadium Boulevard (State Route 740) and west of Cinnamon Hill Lane/Maguire Boulevard; approving revised design parameters (Case No. 18-43).

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(Item moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business for technical amendment vote.)

**B63-18** Appropriating funds for the Project Compliance Inspector position in the Community Development Department.

**B64-18** Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for roadway improvements to a portion of Route 763 (College Avenue), between Business Loop 70 and Stadium Boulevard.

**B65-18** Accepting a donation from the Columbia Board of Realtors for the 2018 Fair Housing and Lending Seminar; appropriating funds.

**B66-18** Accepting a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety; authorizing an Award of Contract and Certified Assurances and Special Conditions.

**B67-18** Appropriating funds for Share the Light Program.

**R46-18** Authorizing an amended agreement with Oak Towers Housing Development Group, LP and the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia for HOME funds for renovations to Oak Towers.

## NEW BUSINESS

**R47-18** Authorizing the installation of streetlights on Cass Drive between Rice Road and Mohawk Avenue, in the Bellwood Subdivision and on West Broadway Street near Reedsport Ridge; upgrading existing lighting in the East Campus neighborhood.

(Action: Staff presented three requests for lighting in different Columbia neighborhoods. Staff indicated that streetlight requests are often made and are often put on the Consent Agenda, but that the East Campus request is being presented in two phases and therefore warranted discussion since there will be additional actions to evaluate after the initial replacements are implemented.

Peters asked if they will do another study or what the process would be. Staff indicated that if they replace the types of lights first, then evaluate the effectiveness of the new lights, it will be a good process. Peters asked if they will evaluate lighting while leaves are on trees. Staff indicated that they will evaluate under similar conditions and they want to measure earlier results on a fair basis with new lighting schemes.

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker indicated that this proposal was good because it asked for regular maintenance, but that more might be needed. He indicated that more should be done, but he believes that this should be data driven. The current data was student-led and should be listened to. He noted that students noted dark voids that this proposal does not address those needs. You can do better at specific locations. Please pass this measure based on student leadership and need.

The next speaker indicated that he works with student services and he initiated the safety walk to include students and all stakeholders including property owners. We have a report – but that what we

really want is increased collaboration. Sometimes students come here, identify a problem and then graduate and move on. We need some way to keep this going. We have found several positive ideas. Would like to have a student involved in the future study since we are trying to include you.

No further comment from the public.

Peters asked if the council received a copy of the student report. Staff indicated that they had. Trapp indicated that he thought lighting is important and that this is a positive step. Skala indicated that in Indian Hills lighting has been an issue and that he thinks this is a relatively cheap fix. He then mentioned that sometimes the council has avoided street lighting issues, but he thinks it is time to re-look at some of these issues and how it affects residents and automobiles. Maybe, the Energy and Environment Commission should become reinvolved in this issue. Technology has changed, but there is a paradox. Better lighting is important, but sometimes it can be too much. He will be asking for a report in that regard.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

**R48-18 Affirming and adopting Principles of Community for the City of Columbia.**

(Action: The Mayor requested that city staff draft a resolution supporting Principles of Community for adoption by the Columbia City Council. The general statements embodied in this resolution are stated here:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

As fundamental to the City's on-going efforts to increase access and inclusion and create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all persons, the following Principles of Community are hereby declared and adopted by the City Council on behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbia, together with an on-going commitment to practice such Principles:

- We affirm the inherent dignity and value of every person and strive to maintain a climate for work and learning based on mutual respect and understanding.
- We affirm the right of each person to express thoughts and opinions freely. We encourage open expression within a climate of civility, sensitivity, and mutual respect.
- We affirm the value of human diversity because it enriches our lives and our organizations. We acknowledge and respect our differences while affirming our common humanity.
- We reject all forms of prejudice and discrimination, including those based on age, color, diverse ability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran status. We take individual and collective responsibility for helping to eliminate bias, and discrimination and for increasing our own understanding of these issues through education, training, and interaction with others.
- We pledge our collective commitment to incorporate these principles into the City of Columbia mission.

Discussion of this resolution ensued.

The Mayor presented the idea. Ruffin asked if there are any plans for all stakeholder groups to come together to endorse and explore this concept. The Mayor indicated that it could be opened to all stakeholders for signature and endorsement. Skala asked if there would be something that would come from this. The Mayor indicated that he thought we did a good job on this and that he would defer to the City Manager, but that he thought we can continue to do this in all our various efforts and that we can't do this by ourselves and that we need more buy-in. Skala believed that this would lead to tweaking and more buy in.

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker indicated that she thought this was a positive idea and that these concepts need to be built into everything we do. We need social equity in every aspect of what we do. I hope this is a living document and will be incorporated in every decision we make. At the last meeting we saw a report on diversity that was fairly cursory. I hope this become something that we can move forward with and something we can remind you of as we move forward.

The next speaker indicated that he attended many presentations about four factors and wondered why most presentations were made on the campus and not in the city? He wants to work with organizations and thinks that leads to incorporation into the whole community. The staff indicated that they are engaged. He wants principles to be adopted, not just strategies and tactics. The overall framework guides our decision-making. I am not sure what this will actually do, but I think we might want to find that out.

No further public comment.

Trapp endorsed the concept and indicated he looked forward to the new strategic planning process. Welcoming people starts with a leadership statement and this is it. The Mayor thought this would have great application to both the city and the University. Thomas also endorsed this concept and wants to see this sort of thing included in the community policing initiative. The city manager indicated that many of these things are included in our current plans and suggested that you have the entire community sign this document. Skala thinks all of this is wrapped in social outreach and should be promoted.  
**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**(All items introduced and read as indicated.)**

**B68-18\*\*** Voluntary annexation of property located at the southwest corner of Highway KK and Scott Boulevard; establishing permanent M-N (Mixed-Use Neighborhood) zoning (Case No. 18-42).

**B69-18\*\*** Rezoning thirty-eight (38) parcels in the West Ash and North Central Neighborhoods within an area bounded by Sexton Road on the north, West Boulevard on the west, West Broadway on the south, and Tenth Street on the east with thirty-three (33) of such parcels rezoned from R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling District) to R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District), four (4) parcels rezoned from R-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to R-1 (One-Family Dwelling District), one (1) parcel rezoned from R-MF (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling District) (Case No. 18-51).

**B70-18\*** Approving the Final Plat of La Grange Place, Plat 4, a Replat of Lots 3 and 4 of the Plat of La Grange Place, located on the south side of Rollins Street and east of Providence Road (506 Rollins Street); granting a design adjustment relating to street right-of-way width (Case No. 18-41).

**B71-18\*** Authorizing a right of use license permit with Columbia Restaurant Investor's #1 for construction, installation, maintenance and operation of a private railing and terminal posts with string lighting within a portion of the Locust Street right-of-way.

**B72-18** Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with the Hallie Holland Living Trust for the acquisition of property located at 912 East Walnut Street to be used by the Solid Waste Division for a collection site for refuse, cardboard and container recycling in the Downtown CID; appropriating funds.

**B73-18\*** Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.

**B74-18\*** Accepting conveyances and a temporary construction easement for sewer, drainage, and utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

**B75-18\*** Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to change the existing thermal storage rider to an energy storage rider.

**B76-18\*** Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to facilitate the transfer of naloxone to trained local first responder agencies.

**B77-18\*** Authorizing an agreement with Beacon of Hope Foundation and Columbia Community Land Trust, Inc. to provide residents of Lynn Street Cottages with fruit and vegetable vouchers to promote healthy eating; appropriating funds.

**B78-18\*** Accepting a donation from United HealthCare for wellness promotion and programs for City employees; appropriating funds.

**B79-18\*** Appropriating funds from the sale of a 2003 Sutphen SA75 fire truck for major fire station repairs.

**B80-18\*** Amending the FY 2018 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Public Works Department - Custodial & Maintenance Services Division.

**B81-18\*** Amending the FY 2018 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the City Utilities Department; amending the FY 2018 Classification and Pay Plan by reassigning classifications.

**B82-18** Amending the FY 2018 Annual Budget by adding and deleting positions in the Utility Customer Services Fund, Community Relations Department and Information Technology Department; amending the FY 2018 Classification and Pay Plan by adding, closing and consolidating classifications and changing a classification title; transferring funds; appropriating funds.

#### REPORTS

**REP24-18** Correspondence from the Business Loop Community Improvement District (CID) regarding CID board membership.

(Action: The Business Loop CID has three open positions that are to be filled by appointment by the Mayor of Columbia. Four candidates were recommended for consideration. The four nominees are: Weyen Burnam, Ryan Euliss, Linda Schust, and Jeffrey Spencer.)

**The following appointments were made: Ryan Euliss, Linda Schust, and Jeffrey Spencer. General informal consensus followed.)**

**REP25-18** Right of Way and Alley Vacation Process Update (Case No. 18-85).

Council Memo

[Sec. 29-4.2. - M-DT form-based controls.](#)

(Action: The City of Columbia has an ordinance process by which it permits the vacation of right of way (alleys or streets) and utility easements. Such requests are often presented by property owners or developers seeking to eliminate or relocate unused right of way or easements as part of a development project or site improvement. Typically, vacated right of way or easements are evenly distributed between adjoining properties or merged back into the parcel from which they were originally dedicated. The vacation process generally has no monetary cost to an applicant except for the payment of application fees associated with processing the request - currently \$350 plus recording fees.)

The current process to vacate an alley or right of way has historically contained two steps. Step one is to obtain Council authorization to vacate the alley or right of way. Step two is to prepare the necessary ordinance to facilitate the vacation. In obtaining authorization to proceed, the staff report associated with the request customarily provides preliminary

comments on the necessity to retain the alley or right of way or any rights within either, generally for utility purposes.

**In response to requests to vacate alleys within the downtown in April and May 2016**, Council requested a report be prepared proposing a comprehensive approach on how to handle such requests rather than addressing them individually with specific emphasis on alley vacations within the downtown. In September 2016, staff responded with Report 74-16 which proposed an initial draft focused on alleys as downtown public assets. Council responded to the report with a request that staff return with a more thoughtful approach on the topic at a later date.

In March 2017, the Unified Development Code (UDC) was adopted and the downtown was placed into the M-DT (Mixed-use Downtown) zoning district. As part of the M-DT district regulatory provisions, special emphasis was placed on the retention of existing alleys and the creation of new alleys in key locations which are shown on the district's "Regulating Plan" which is similar to the City's zoning map.

With the adoption of the UDC, downtown alley vacations will be processed differently than past practice. As provided in Section 29-4.2(c.3) of the UDC, any amendment or change to the Regulating Plan shall require the adoption of a revised Regulating Plan through the same procedures used for an amendment to the Zoning Map. In other words, the vacation of an existing alley, or the dedication of a new alley not shown on the M-DT regulating plan, must be considered during a public hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to consideration by Council.

Section 29-4.2(c)(2) of the UDC provides specific rationale for the retention alleys and procedural standards for their relocation within the M-DT. These are the key aspects of the new code as they pertain to alleys in the M-DT:

- No streets or alleys shown on the Regulating Plan may be removed without a replacement street being constructed in a location that maintains overall street connectivity in that area.
- New Alleys or Pedestrian Pathways required by the Regulating Plan or a Regulating Plan amendment shall be public, or publicly accessible.
- The Block Face (greater than 350') must be interrupted by an Alley, Common Drive, or Pedestrian Pathway providing through-access to another public street, alley, common drive or designated conservation line.

Staff has provided this report to brief Council on the Unified Development Code provisions before Council receives a pending new request to vacate an existing alley between properties addressed as 203 E Walnut St and 115 N Providence. The request includes a proposal to replace it with a new alley, within a street easement, in a different location.

As discussed, the new process in the UDC requires additional review of these types of requests prior to Council consideration. The new alley vacation process provides increased levels of participation and should make for a more consistent review and approval process. Given the new provisions pertaining to alley vacations/relocations in the downtown, staff is seeking direction from Council whether to continue the practice of submitting a report to Council, as it has in the past, any time an alley vacation is sought in the M-DT district.

Vacation requests for alleys or rights of way outside the M-DT district would continue to be handled according to past practice as such requests occur on an infrequent basis. The current process provides opportunity to staff to receive direction prior to preparation of an ordinance and ensures Council has had opportunity to weigh in on the appropriateness of such requests.

The Mayor indicated that he is a proponent of the preservation of alleys and wants to make sure that taxpayers are reimbursed if there is a change; that alternative infrastructure be considered; and that loading or pedestrian uses be considered. He asked staff what they are asking for?

Staff indicated that they approach this with no presumption of use, but that they want to take it to P&Z first. The Mayor indicated that he wants to make sure that there is remuneration for uses. The staff indicated there is no policy for compensation for alternative uses and that they need guidance. The Mayor asked about north south vs east west. Staff indicated that there was no real distinction that correlates with Public vs. Private and east vs. west.

**The discussion ended at that point with no official action.)**

**REP26-18 Commission on Human Rights: Protected Categories.**

(Action: The Human Rights Commission has taken on the task of reviewing Columbia's entire Code of Ordinances to make sure it does not have references that could be considered to be reflective of bias. In most cases, items that have been identified have been passed along to the city attorney for evaluation and eventual change. However, the Commission has identified four specific areas where the mention and definition of Protected Categories should be strengthened or acknowledged.

The Commission suggests the addition of the following classes to the protections offered in Chapter 12:

- 1. Receipt of governmental assistance**, that someone may not be denied housing or services because the government is paying for it. For example, if someone is a veteran and their housing is subsidized by the VA, they should not be denied the right to rent a property because of someone's ideological objections to government spending on assistance.
- 2. Status as a victim of domestic violence** including stalking, sexual assault, harassment, human trafficking and order of protection status, where a victim of a crime should not be re-victimized by being denied the ability to rent a house or lose a job because they are a victim. This can be seen in an unfortunately too common scenario where women, after being the victim of domestic abuse and obtaining a restraining order, are denied a place to rent by a landlord who doesn't "want any trouble" of the abusive partner showing up and committing an act of violence on the property.
- 3. Gender expression**, which is in addition to the already-protected category of gender identity. The latter encapsulates how one expresses feelings, while the former is how one presents oneself, both in relation to conventionally-conceived gender categories. This would protect how one describes their gender in addition to how one displays it.
- 4. Legal alienage, citizenship status, and refugee status**, where someone should not be denied service or accommodations for being a legal immigrant to this country. We cannot ask that the same provisions be applied to people in the country without legal documentation, but additional protections in local ordinance will go a long way towards achieving the "Welcoming Cities" vision that the Council has signed on to the past two years.

Further hearings and discussion would be required before the code is permanently changed.

A speaker on behalf of the commission appeared and reiterated the comments of the commission. Thomas asked if this was related to situations last year regarding documentation of undocumented aliens. The speaker indicated that this is an outgrowth and that we are not asking for anything that would contradict current state law.

The city attorney agreed that they will take these suggestions and will evaluate them for codification and implementation.

**No further formal action was taken.)**

#### REP27-18 History of the Board of Adjustment.

(Action: The Council has requested from the city legal staff a review of the powers of the Board of Adjustment and a history of the actions taken by this board since 1935. The report differentiates between the various types of appeals that are allowed; the burden of proof required for approval; the practices and functions of the board; and a history of cases heard.

**If you are an attorney or frequent participant in cases that are heard before the Board of Adjustment, you should download this entire report. It is 80 pages long.**

#### [LINK TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT](#)

The Mayor indicated that he would like to have a board of adjustment that would hold the line on the new rules that were adopted since there was a new UDC now in place. Skala indicated that he was amazed at the difference between undue hardship and practical difficulties. The staff indicated that financial hardship is not enough for a favorable decision but that there can be other contingencies and that those considerations may be something that is not self-imposed or not anticipated, so both categories are listed.

Now, the function of the Board of Adjustment has been shifted from the clerk to the planning department so there is more staff input and they do make recommendations. The Mayor asked if they had historical roll call vote information and staff indicated that they did not. Staff will provide the council with the history (which was actually provided in the attached notes.)

**No further action was taken regarding this report.)**

#### REP28-18 Update on the Weed Ordinance Revision.

(Action: Council heard a report on November 20, 2017 on revising the weed ordinance found in Chapter 11 of the City Ordinances. Staff was directed to move forward on a public process to revise the ordinance to allow for native plantings. A survey and public meetings were conducted. Survey results showed that 88% of respondents supported an update to the weed ordinance to allow for native plantings and 73% agreed that the ordinance should focus on landscape maintenance instead of type of vegetation. Staff propose a revised ordinance that focuses on landscape management rather than the type of vegetation used in a landscape.

**Changing the focus of this ordinance to landscape management will allow for managed native landscapes, ornamental landscapes, agricultural crops, urban agricultural crops, community gardens, and vegetable gardens that exceed 12 inches in height. Many elements of our existing ordinance would continue: turf grass and turf weeds could not exceed 12 inches in height, nuisance plants, noxious weeds and vermin harborage would need to be controlled, vegetation could not create a**

safety issue for motor vehicles, bicyclists, or pedestrians, and vegetation cannot obstruct public right-of-way. The City's abatement process for properties in violation would continue.

While there is public support to revise the weed ordinance, staff ask that approval of an ordinance be delayed until the fall for implementation in 2019. This will allow staff to continue its research during this growing season and allow us to gauge the impact of transitioning to the landscape management ordinance. This delay will also allow City staff to transition to a new software program that was previously scheduled for 2018 and develop a training program on the landscape management ordinance for enforcement staff. Staff will return to Council in the fall with legislation for their consideration to take effect January 1, 2019.

Thomas asked if they wanted to really get a new ordinance for this new growing season. Staff indicated that that is what they wanted, but we can't do this now since stuff has already started growing. How do you train on this while the old ordinance is on the books? Staff indicated that in most cases, this won't apply and that it was just neglect. But, in some cases, it makes sense to allow the new ordinance guidelines as long as they are not invasive or obnoxious. There is a balance here. Skala indicated that he thinks balance is an important consideration. Is there any discussion about delineated beds or is that coming in the future? Staff indicated that setbacks, borders, etc. will be included but don't put too many rules on people who do a good job on property management.

Pitzer indicated that he thought this was a good process and that this respects the original intent and interface with the Climate Action Plan regarding water resources. The mayor asked about balancing adjacent property owners. Staff indicated that the current ordinance does not address this. Maybe there could be a border, but if you do a good job you should be able to do that all the way to the edge of your property. We do consider sight lines, poison ivy, setbacks and how to be a good neighbor with someone else.

**The report was accepted with no further formal action.)**

REP29-18 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

(Action: Report was presented and accepted. No formal action was taken.)

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

##### **Public**

The first speaker indicated that he was looking at applications for the Fair Housing Task Force and that no one had applied from Wards 3, 1 and 6. He thinks the whole thing lacks diversity. He wants to ask for a different composition of the Task Force. The speaker believed that Randy Cole does a nice job, but this speaker wants inclusive zoning that requires implementation of inclusive zoning geographically dispersed. The permanence of affordable housing is important, but we need this policy in place before we can address removing barriers. Make the members of the commission appointed ward by ward, not by group, and I don't think you can change this without doing that. I am going home to watch the basketball game. This will be contentious. Please put subject matter experts in charge. I'm sorry if Randy Cole doesn't like that suggestion.

The next speaker indicated that he had questions about programs for the homeless community and commended one individual on his progress in making a new life.

##### **Council**

**Peters** complimented the litter pick up on Rock Quarry Road. Wanted to know if there has been any new information regarding the public audit. City Manager indicated that they had received information from the state auditor and will put this on the next agenda.

**Pitzer** asked about quarterly audit reports and wants to know how we comply with that. Further asked the Finance and Advisory Committee to make sure that the audit procedure is up to date and is restated in terms of best practice and modern practice. **The Mayor and Skala** indicated that they would also like more frequent financial information and believe that the finance director can reconcile finances monthly and report back to the council and the public.

The city manager indicated that they now have new software and can now say that they have the data requested and can deliver that monthly. We will put this on a CD. **The Mayor** asked for some departmental top-lines that are helpful and would like to see that information specifically to help gauge ongoing progress. I want all the data, but I would also like some executive summary. **Skala** suggested that we have a works session each time we get one of these big data dumps. The Mayor indicated that he thought maybe there could be a new dashboard integrated into the new software for public presentation. **Pitzer** indicated he would support that. He also wants all the data, but there could be some top line document and commentary presented. **Mayor** suggested that finance and Advisory Commission look at our financial reporting process. The council agreed.

**Skala** indicated that he wants the Energy and Environment Commission to look at this overall lighting program.

**Ruffin** announced that the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is coming up and will be sponsored by various groups in the community.

**Trapp** asked about flag etiquette for our flags out front and that currently he thinks it may not be correct and that the national flag should be given prominence. He wants us to do it right. Next, Gary Nolan asked him about privatization of ParaTransit as a libertarian. Have we looked at that? The cost could be lower if we don't have to follow some of the national guidelines. Would anyone respond to an RFP? Don't know. But, what if it could work. If we could provide it at a lower cost, let's do it and put out a bid. There is an election tomorrow.

**Staff**  
**(No comments.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**(Time: 8:51 PM, or as the Mayor put it, "9 until 9".**

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