



## **CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW – MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019**

Highlights this week include: the potential appointment of new members of the Planning & Zoning Commission; an unexpected change to parking ticket rules; the potential creation of a local Sports Commission and a little foreshadowing of debates to come on climate change policies and related topics.

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### **APPOINTMENTS TO P&Z, ETC.**

On the last day of May, the terms of office for three P&Z Commissioners will expire. Originally, the City Council was scheduled to name replacements or re-appoint current commissioners during its April 15 meeting. However, at that meeting it was suggested that candidates for decision-making boards and commissions like Planning & Zoning or the Board of Adjustment be interviewed by the council prior to any appointments being made. After some discussion, the council decided to re-open the application process, schedule interviews for potential commission positions, then make the appropriate selections.

There are now 10 candidates for three positions on the P&Z Commission. However, due to scheduling difficulties and some level of miscommunication, no interviews have occurred, but the council is prepared to make appointments to several boards and commissions during the May 20 meeting. It should be noted that only 5 members of the council will be in attendance. (Thomas and Peters will be absent.) That is important since any appointee must receive 4 or more votes from the council before being seated.

If new P&Z Commission members are not appointed before the three current terms expire, those members will be allowed to remain in those positions until new commissioners are selected by the council.

### **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PREVIEW**

During this week's pre-council worksession, the council will review a draft Climate Adaptation Action Plan from the task force charged with investigating this topic. The report will cover areas including energy use and sources; residential and commercial construction; personal and public transportation modes; and how the city manages its own carbon footprint. It is expected that the council will adopt a version of this report on June 17<sup>th</sup> during its regular meeting. This document will then represent the

city's general policy regarding climate adaptation strategies. Specific regulations relating to energy efficiency, funding for public transportation, recycling requirements, etc. will then need to be approved individually by future council action.

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The council will also review the new CityView software package purchased by the city to allow public inspection of city financial records during the Monday worksession.

#### **TELL IT TO THE JUDGE – NEW PARKING VIOLATION DISPOSITION**

The Missouri Supreme Court has adopted new rules of procedure that apply to the manner in which local municipalities issue and collect fines from parking tickets and other infractions. Basically, the Supreme Court established a committee that will provide a new uniform Violation Bureau for the state of Missouri. Officially, this change became effective on May 1. In order for a City to have a Violations Bureau, this new list created by the Supreme Court must be adopted on a local basis. Currently, the city has not been made aware of the charges that will be on the new uniform Violation Bureau list. This could have significant budget impacts on the City of Columbia.

The City will not be able to remove or amend the list of violations provided by the committee; however, it appears under the rules that a municipal judge can add to the required list by adopting an order. This order is limited to three types of cases: any animal control, housing or traffic violation cases (subject to the supervision of the Circuit Court). If parking tickets are not on the adopted Violation Bureau list, they could be added to the list if they are considered a traffic violation. This would allow the citizens of Columbia to continue paying tickets at their convenience, without requiring a personal appearance in court. As of May 1, however, if they elect not to pay prior to their court date they will be required to personally appear in court as stated on their ticket. Right now, parking tickets do not have a court appearance date listed.

If all of this is adopted, it will require significant additional time and manpower to keep up with the new rules. Staff anticipates that at least three new employees will be required as well as other procedural, technical and technology updates. In the short term, this could cost the city \$250,000 plus an additional \$30,000 for the remainder of this year in law enforcement costs. Annually, the cost could be \$180,000 per year plus \$100,000 in law enforcement costs. The city currently issues about 64,000 parking tickets per year. If just 20% of all parking tickets are not paid prior to a court appearance, it could result in the number of municipal cases tripling during the next year.

No wonder they invented night court.

#### **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME – SPORTS COMMISSION**

The city is currently considering the formation of a Columbia Sports Commission in conjunction with the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau. Sports tourism is a multi-billion-dollar market with amateur sporting tournaments generating \$11.6 billion in economic impact all across the country in 2016, according to the National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC). Cities and counties are creating sports commissions to take advantage of the financial opportunity this growing industry presents.

A sports commission's mission is to recruit, retain, and organize state, regional, and national sporting events, as well as promote its local amateur or professional sporting teams and local college venues and club teams. There are approximately 134 sports commissions across the United States. The state of

Missouri has four sports commissions: St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield and Joplin. Two of these cities listed are Columbia's direct sports tourism competitors.

The CVB is recommending the Columbia Sports Commission be established under the CVB Department effective October 1, 2019 and consist of at least 10-12 members appointed by the City Council. Commission members would consist of representatives from: two (2) sports clubs/venues; two (2) business community; two (2) hotels; one (1) University of Missouri; one (1) Columbia College; one (1) Columbia Public Schools; and one (1) Show Me State Games. There would also be one (1) staff liaison from both the CVB and Parks & Recreation, as well as a representative from the CVB Advisory Board.

#### **COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS**

There are currently 27 items listed under the Consent section of the council agenda for May 20. Many are administrative in nature and allow the city to accept or transfer funds, execute agreements with various entities to complete previously endorsed projects, approve final plats or grant rezoning requests and temporary construction easements. Among the items in this section are the following:

- Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of St. Charles Road and south of Talon Road (5200, 5202 and 5210 E. St. Charles Road); establishing permanent M-N District (Mixed Use-Neighborhood) and District M-C (Mixed Use-Corridor) zoning Authorizing funds to print a new version of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Guide
- Approving the PD Plan of "Bearfield Plaza Plat 1-B, Lot 1B-1" located northeast of the Grindstone Parkway and Bearfield Road intersection
- Authorizing an annexation agreement with Kenneth A. Stauffer for property located on the south side of Mexico Gravel Road and west of Lake of the Woods Road (5704 E. Mexico Gravel Road)
- Authorizing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for integrated shuttle bus service on campus.
- Amending the FY 2019 Annual Budget by appropriating funds to provide for limited Go COMO transportation services on Saturdays and three (3) University of Missouri home football games.
- Setting a public hearing: consider the Water and Light 2019 Renewable Energy Report. (This will occur on June 3 and is different than the Climate Adaptation Action Plan.)
- Setting a public hearing: consider the findings and recommendations from the Fair Housing Task Force. (Hearing to be set for June 3.)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There are just two public hearings on the May 20 agenda, both dealing with zoning; an Old Business agenda dominated by the new parking ticket rules described earlier; no New Business items; and four individuals scheduled for Public Comment. Other Reports include one on conversion therapy, a report on the African American Heritage Trail and a report on funding for the extension of sewer infrastructure in the city. The meeting is expected to be "medium" in length.

#### **P&Z – NOTES**

Due to the tabling of one request to amend a current Planned development plan and statement of intent in the Copperstone subdivision, the council will consider only one item at its May 23 meeting. That item is:

**A request by Show-Me Central & Missouri Habitat for Humanity** for a preliminary plat to be known as "Boone Prairie". The 50.28-acre site is zoned R-1 (One-family dwelling) and IG (industrial). The proposed

development would contain 143 single family residential lots and 13 common lots used for water quality or amenities on the R-1 zoned portion of the property, and one lot presently improved with a cell tower on the IG zoned portion of the property. The site is generally located to the southeast of the intersection of US Highway 63 and Brown Station Road. The common lots will be dedicated to the homeowner's association and will be used for greenspace, amenities, and/or stormwater facilities. There is also an existing stormwater detention basin on the northern extent of the site. Electric, water and sanitary sewer service will be provided by the City of Columbia.

This is the large Habitat for Humanity proposal that has been in the works for several years. The request is for preliminary platting since appropriate zoning already exists on the site. Staff is recommending approval of the plat.

During the P&Z worksession that precedes the regular meeting, the commissioners will wrap up a few loose ends and make comments on items related to the coming year's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list and the Climate Action Plan. No major amendments are expected to be offered during the session.

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