



Columbia City Council Meeting Recap
Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall
7:00 PM
Monday, January 6, 2020

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| Pledge of Allegiance | INTRODUCTORY ITEMS (Recited as indicated.) |
| Roll Call | (Present: Treece, Trapp, Peters, Thomas, Ruffin, Pitzer, Skala) (Absent: None.) |
| Approval of Minutes | (Minutes from December 16, 2019 were approved as submitted.) |
| Adjustment of Agenda | (Pitzer asked that B387-19 be moved to Old Business.) |

SPECIAL ITEMS
(None.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
(None.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC1-20 Martha Brownlee-Duffeck - CATSO and Public Transit.

(Action: The speaker represents the Missouri Transit Justice Coalition. She thanked the council for their work. For non-bus riding members of the public, I address you and want people to know that for some people Uber is not an option. We have heard from people who have disabilities who cannot drive. We have heard from people who have moved dur to affordability, but some people have moved to places that used to be on the bus line, but then that route was discontinued. We have asked the council to retain ParaTransit services, but the overall public transit system has suffered. We asked for a nominal \$3 dollar parking fee at the airport to pay for system improvements, but that was denied. It is odd, but at a budget hearing, the Mayor asked, "when was the last time you personally rode the city bus?", and for most of us, the answer was "Never." The speaker indicated she was trying to correct that situation for herself. But one lady answered the question by saying, "no one would ride the city bus unless they had to.". She then described waiting in the hot sun to catch a bus that was slow to arrive without the benefit of a bus shelter, and having to make transfers that delayed her trip even more. Crowding, melting of groceries and other problems were ordinary. The Chamber spoke out against the parking fee. There has been no positive action on this topic since mid-2019. I am compelled to speak out. I was disheartened that most of the millions we spend each year on transportation goes to road improvement. There were some funds for waling and biking, but no new funds allocated for mass transit. The Climate Action Plan

calls for reduced car travel and a thriving public transit system. We are also supposed to reduce car traffic to improve public safety. In this season of New Year's resolutions, we hope you will review and revise the 2020 budget and revise the 2050 Transportation plan to improve public transportation.

SPC2-20 Jim Windsor - Open, honest and transparent government related to critical infrastructure.

(Action: The speaker said that recently five members of the city council signed a letter of commitment to openness and transparency. He does not believe it rings true. We have had a process to improve our electric transmission system with lots of meetings and hearings. We have passed a bond issue to fund transmission line improvements. We have sold half the bonds. City staff moved forward and purchased property for a new substation.

At that point, a group unhappy with the process popped up and the whole project was put on hold four years ago. The Mayor suggested an optional route called Option E. A new study was completed. The study said a new route would cost an extra \$10 million. In the meantime, all city substations reached capacity at least once. The Perche Creek substation is at most risk. The last time it failed was in 2012, but that is never discussed. I blame the past city manager, but we have still not heard the whole story. Then we approved the Westbury development which adds more demand on our system. The new Climate Action Plan predicts higher temperatures. So where are we after 4 years? Let's hope that we don't go over 97 degrees in the summer. What will happen if we exceed 105 degrees? Or 113 degrees. I look forward to seeing how the council deals with this important topic.

SPC3-20 Julie Ryan, COMO Safe Water Coalition - Columbia's Water Treatment Plant...A Decade of Disappointment.

(Action: Think about your home and how you deal with it in terms of repair and expansion. If you put off repairs, delayed maintenance will take its toll and will cost more to fix in the future. The water treatment plant is similar. But not improving the water plant affects tens of thousands of people, not just one family. We are putting our future at risk by deferring maintenance and improvements and expansions.

We know about our treatment systems, and right now, we use a sand filter, but we could go to something more efficient. We have had studies that recommend improvement and sometimes expansions, but each time we arrive at a different conclusion and we make an incomplete or insufficient response. We continue to look at different studies and spend money on consultants.

We have raised funds through bonding, but we only make some portion of our potential investment available incrementally. Five years ago, we knew where 43% of our funding could come from, but now that is not being used according to recommendations. Based on this process we have been following it will take years to catch up, if ever. Here are a few things that should be noted. Any potential point of failure can close down part of the plant. It will cause supply problems. If we need redundancy, that will be eliminated. It also means we could not shut down another part for repair. More studies were completed, but no action has been taken for between 5 to 9 years. The drinking water group has made recommendations for improvements, but those have not been acted upon and many happened years ago. Water & Light staff has not taken our recommendations seriously in the past and we are running out of time to act responsibly. There is no clear vision. The plant will fail. We will have to MacGyver our way out of this to save the water plant. No one will be able to say that we did not warn you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH1-20 Proposed construction of a large shelter and connecting ADA accessible walkways adjacent to the finish line of the cross-country course within Gans Creek Recreation Area.

[See B385-19/Mayor Memo]

(Action: The 320-acre Gans Creek Recreation Area (GCRA) is located at 3360 E. Gans Road and currently contains five multi-purpose athletic fields, a championship level cross country course, parking, concession/restroom facility and expanded green space across the regional park.

The proposed improvements at the park include the construction of a large shelter and connecting walkways. The 42' X 78' shelter will be located adjacent to the finish line of the cross-country course and will provide space for athletes and medical/emergency personnel. Earlier estimates for improvements at this site came in over budget, so we had to delay this part of the improvements. Now, we need this to be able to host major championships. This will provide a place to assist runners at the end of the race and will be both movable and usable. When not used for races, the spaces can be used by regular park users just like a shelter house at any park.

The funding for the amenities is a donation in the amount of \$113,726 from University of Missouri Athletics as part of the city's partnership with Mizzou Athletics for the use of the cross-country course. The donation includes \$81,220 for the construction of the shelter and a reimbursement payment of \$32,506 for the completed construction of the timing tower at the cross-country course and will be appropriated by separate legislation. Portions of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using park staff. The construction of the large shelter and walkways will begin spring 2020 with an anticipated completion date of late summer 2020.

The public hearing was opened. No one from the public spoke.

The Mayor noted that at the first race, there were more than 1,000 people in attendance. Trapp also thought this was an impressive project and it competes well with the private sector. He also loves it that MU is helping pay for this project. After little discussion, the hearing was closed.

Action on this public hearing appears in the companion bill, B385-19.)

B385-19 Authorizing construction of a large shelter and connecting ADA accessible walkways adjacent to the finish line of the cross country course within Gans Creek Recreation Area; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

(Action: A motion to approve passed unanimously.)

OLD BUSINESS

B390-19 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Boone County, Missouri relating to the transfer of ownership of the County Fairgrounds Property located east of Highway 63 and Oakland Gravel Road.

(Action: A Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated with the County which, if approved, would result in the transfer of the County Fairgrounds Property (approximately 135 acres) to the City for use for "public recreation purposes." Public recreation purposes include staff offices for the Parks and Recreation Department, the Convention and visitors Bureau, facility maintenance and/or other recreation or tourism-related activities. As a part of the transaction, the City would also assume maintenance responsibility for a portion of the MKT trail which is currently maintained by the County.

Regarding the Fairgrounds Property, the MOU contemplates continued use of 23 acres of the property for the Boone County Fair for a period of at least ten (10) days per year. The City will need to enter into an operating agreement with Boone County Fair, Inc. regarding the use and operation of the County Fair.

There are also existing leases with Veterans United and UPS which are in effect through December 31, 2022. The City will need to accept assignment of those leases and honor those lease terms at least through the current expiration date of December 31, 2022. Copies of those leases are provided as supplemental information.

The transfer does not include Tract #2 which is about 53 acres. The County will retain ownership of Tract #2 and there are no restrictions on the County's use and development of Tract #2 except that if developed in the future, such development will be done in conformity with City Code. The County has also agreed that at the time of sale and/or development, Tract #2 will be incorporated into the city limits. It will be the responsibility of the City to annex Tract #1 into the city limits. The city also agrees to maintain those parts of the trail in this vicinity.

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time. More information will be provided when the real estate contract between the parties contemplated by the MOU is presented to Council for consideration.

Peters noted that this sounds like what has been discussed before.

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker indicated that he and his sister had approached the Boone County Commission and has faith that the property will make money, but we need to stay on top of this as we go along.

The public hearing was closed.

Skala noted that he thinks this is similar to what we have done in the southern part of the city and that we may be able to move some projects to this north side of the city, particularly in light of the fact that this facility contains more ballfields and sports facilities. He thinks this is a good addition and helps with collaboration between the city and county. He favors this move and appreciates all the work on this project. The Mayor noted that he thought this was a great opportunity and that in 20 years we will look back on this and note it as a great acquisition.

The motion to approve the MOU was agreed to unanimously.)

B387-19 Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of services with Boone County, Missouri for development of the "Boone County Food Policy Council" for the creation of a food policy plan and educational resources; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

(Moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business.)

(Action: City staff indicated that this would be a one-year plan and it will create a strategic plan for food systems and policies that can be made on a local basis. Recommendations could be implemented through existing city programs, the public schools, farmers markets, etc. Pitzer wanted to make sure that some of this was funded by money from the Boone Hospital fund which may not be available after the current lease expires. Staff acknowledged that this is only a one-year program [pilot and they do not rely on any future funding.

Skala said he remembered that there had been some studies done earlier and that this effort seems like it is a step that helps put some of those ideas into action, including community gardens and other regional collaborations. Ruffin asked about the process for identifying who will head up this process. Staff said it is likely the person who has been serving in this general capacity, but they do not plan to advertise for a new hire. Staff also indicated that this person will work with the health department and will coordinate with staff on existing and ongoing projects. This person will actually head up this program. Peers noted that this is a one-year program and said we are being asked to appropriate \$30,000 for the part that does not come from the grant. We are taking these funds to leverage the other existing funds.

No one from the public spoke regarding this bill.

Trapp thought this was a great idea and thought that this could aggregate some important resources and approaches. The distribution of food is very important and would be an important step to take to create a strategic plan for how we approach this whole topic. Thomas agreed. The Mayor asked a bout connecting entities who have left over food and people who need that kind of food. Will this help connect the dots? It is a complicated process since hot food has to stay hot and cold food has to stay cold. Can we use this planning to match those? Staff said that a policy recommendation could come out of this project. The Mayor noted that lots of places have left over food. Staff said that you have to keep people safe, and the Mayor noted that the Emerson law protects people who donate food. Skala said that sometimes, there is surplus food at special events and restaurants that still has restrictions and this should be investigated.

A motion to approve passed unanimously.)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

B384-19 Accepting a conveyance for temporary construction purposes.

B386-19 Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of services with Boone County, Missouri for the Teen Outreach Program (TOP).

B387-19 Authorizing an agreement for the purchase of services with Boone County, Missouri for development of the “Boone County Food Policy Council” for the creation of a food policy plan and educational resources; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

(Moved to Old Business from the Consent Agenda.)

B388-19 Accepting grant funds from the United States Food and Drug Administration/Association of Food and Drug Officials for employee training for conformance with the FDA Retail Food Program Standards; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B389-19 Accepting grant funds from the United States Food and Drug Administration/Association of Food and Drug Officials for verification audits associated with continuing conformance with the FDA Retail Food Program Standards; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B391-19 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to establish a central business district special event venue loading zone; waiving the annual payment of fees for The Atrium loading zone.

R1-20 Approving the Preliminary Plat for “Chapel Hill Meadows Plat 2” located on the northeast corner of Chapel Hill Road and Louisville Drive intersection (Case No. 14-2020).

NEW BUSINESS

(None.)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as indicated.)

B1-20* Calling a municipal election for Council Members for Wards 1 and 5.

B2-20 Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to TKG St. Peters Shopping Center LLC to allow the establishment of a drive-up facility (restaurant) on property located at 201 S. Providence Road in the M-DT (Mixed-Use Downtown) zoning district; providing a severability clause (Case No. 06-2020).

B3-20* Approving the Final Plat of "Ripley Street Subdivision" located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ripley Street and Richardson Street (300 and 302 Ripley Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 236-2019).

B4-20* Approving the Final Plat of "Liberty Square - Plat 5," located on the southwest corner of Penn Terrace and Creekwood Parkway (Case No. 11-2020).

B5-20* Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, for emergency veterinary services.

B6-20* Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the Share the Light Program for the purchase of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be distributed to low income residents.

B7-20* Accepting donated funds for the Parks and Recreation Department's Holiday Toys for Columbia's Youth Program; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B8-20* Accepting donations for various Parks and Recreation Department programs; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B9-20 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to parking violations; repealing Section 14-616 and amending Chapter 15 to repeal and re-enact in place thereof a new Section 15-19 relating to Municipal Court costs.

REPORTS

REP1-20 Correspondence from the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council regarding proposed changes to membership and duties.

(Action: The Downtown Leadership Council has discussed its membership and scope of duties and would like the Council to direct City Staff to draft the following proposed changes to the establishing legislation governing the DLC:

- **Section 2-62 Membership; officers**

The DLC requests that the Director of Community Development and the Director of Economic Development both be allowed to appoint a designee to serve on the DLC, as often their schedules prevent the Directors from attending the monthly meetings.

- **Section 2-263 Duties**

The DLC believes that the current subsection (3) is no longer needed and should be deleted. This section deals with creating a "blight" study and applying for related grants. It also believes that subsection (8) should be limited to "Provide downtown awareness and outreach" and eliminate requirements to provide annual reports (measurables, progress, investment, jobs, etc.), an annual downtown awards program and quarterly downtown seminars and presentations. Some of those duties have been adequately adopted by the Downtown CID.

The Mayor thought that this was a reasonable request but that we should look at all boards and commissions to see if they are still needed.

Consensus was to go ahead and draw up such an ordinance, but no formal action was taken.)

REP2-20 Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors - Annual Membership and Membership Change due to a Resignation.

(Action: The Downtown CID submitted a slate of candidates to fill six board seats to serve from 2020-2024. The six candidates were: Deb Sheals, Kenny Greene, Deb Rust, Mark Sulltrop, Josh Safranski and Toby Epstein.

In response, the Mayor sent a letter to the Downtown CID asking for the following clarifications and additional information:

“The District's letter indicates the appointments are for 6 candidates to serve from 2020-2024. However, the City's records indicate the appointments are for 1 candidate to serve in an unexpired term ending in 2021 and 5 candidates to serve in new three-year terms from 2020-2023.

Before I (The Mayor) submit the District's correspondence to the City Council, I am writing to ask the Downtown Community improvement District to submit a slate of candidates for each position which represents a cross-section of residents, property owners, and business owners within the District so there will be a choice for my consideration of appointment and the Council's consent.”

The Mayor explained that he neither accepted nor rejected this slate. The CID has a meeting tomorrow where they will consider this clarification.

No further formal action was taken.)

GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Public

The first speaker thanked the people who stood up to talk about a variety of issue tonight including public transportation and the state of the water plant. He thanked the Mayor for his comments about the redistribution of leftover food. He thinks we need to do something about that. He also wanted to speak about homelessness. He said a lot of people are afraid of something, and one fear is whether we can make money or not. What is it that the speaker is not saying correctly? He thinks there should be rules for being in a shelter. He does not think we have to keep everyone in a shelter 365 days per year.

Council

Skala indicated that he hopes Mr. Glascock is doing better and welcomed Mr. Seewood to the proceedings tonight.

Thomas indicated that he will be absent on February 3 so he will miss the vote on Short Term Rentals. He will let everyone know where he stands in advance of his absence.

Peters said she wants more information about where we actually stand in terms of the water plant. We hear concerns about parts and incomplete plans, but she wants more information.

Staff

(None.)

**ADJOURNMENT
(Time: 7:56 PM)**

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