



Columbia City Council Meeting Recap
Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall
7:00 PM
June 15, 2020

(SPECIAL NOTICE ATTACHED TO THE JUNE 15, 2020 AGENDA AS PRINTED)

(The City Council understands some citizens may not be able to attend the council meeting to provide in-person verbal public comments due to COVID-19. As a result, written comments may be submitted to cityclerk@comogov. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15 will be provided to the City Council and filed with the respective agenda item in the City Clerk's Office. It would be helpful if the written public comment included the agenda item to which the comment applies along with the name and address of the person submitting the comment.)

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

(Recited as indicated.)

(Present: Treece, Trapp, Fowler, Pitzer, Skala, Thomas, Peters)
(Absent: None.)

Approval of Minutes

(Minutes from June 1, 2020 were approved as presented.)

Adjustment of Agenda

(R76-20 was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business. Pitzer asked to abstain from R78-20. Thomas asked to move R78-20 from Consent Agenda to New Business.)

SPECIAL ITEMS

(None.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustment: [Kittie Rogers](#)

Columbia/Boone County Library District Board: [Bradd Anderson](#)

Columbia Housing Authority Board: (CHA Resident) [Readvertise](#)

Commission on Cultural Affairs – Standing Committee on Public Art: [Valerie Berta](#)

Disabilities Commission: (Significant Disability) [John Bowders](#), [Hazel Fields](#), [Rene Powell](#)

Planning & Zoning Commission: (2 vacancies) [Sharon Geuea Jones](#), [Michael MacMann](#)

Public Transit Advisory Commission: (MU Student) [Saige Bexten](#); (General) [Readvertise](#)

Railroad Advisory Board: (2 vacancies) [Marty Oetting](#), [John Wilke](#)

Tax Increment Financing Commission: [Readvertise](#)

Water & Light Advisory Board – [Jay Hasheider](#)

Youth Advisory Council: (14 vacancies) [Asher Ferguson](#), [Shruti Gautam](#), [Emma Howell](#), [Haeam Lee](#), [Jacob Schelp](#), [Saly Seye](#), [Molly Shull](#) (Remaining positions will be readvertised.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC21-20 Grady Harrington - The Columbia Police Department's reactions to mental crises.

(Action: The speaker wanted to comment on the police reaction to a situation in the downtown area. He said that a black man was threatening to take his own life and noted that the police reaction was to have a shotgun with a non-lethal charge in it trained on the individual. He thought this was inappropriate. He noted that some other people were able to get through to him and the suicide was averted, no thanks to the police. This was a traumatic experience and now the young people who were there will carry this trauma with them for the rest of their lives. One of those people was so traumatized that he had trouble sleeping, overslept and was fired by his boss. This is how these things build over time. We need to make changes in how we respond to mental health problems. We need social workers instead of police to respond.

SPC22-20 Rebecca Shaw - Response to City Manager's question of how to do better going forward.

(Action: On June 3 Mr. Glascock issued a statement different than ever before about race relations. It was good. The speaker wanted to address systemic racism. It is about how we perceive each other. We learn about each other from each other. We need to reach out and learn from each other's education. People are now communicating their concerns the only way they can, and sometimes that is in the streets. Why hasn't the city council specifically addressed this. The city has not come out and apologized. Something is wrong here if people are saying they need help and we cannot respond. We need to hear that you are sorry. In 2015 we recognized Sharp End, but there was no apology. The history of policing in America goes back for generations. We need to recognize that old policies were problematic and fix them. People are pointing out problems now. We still have people on the police force who have been pointed out for making racist statements on social media and he should be gone, not in charge of other officers. We can put some policies into play, but we really need to have some hard conversations about these topics. One thing that came up today was a post on the Columbia Police Officers Association by Dale Roberts. He has put wrong things up before and continues to do it, even about women. His posts show bias. You cannot have him in charge.

SPC23-20 Traci Wilson-Kleekamp - Responding to City Manager's request of how Columbia can do better: Face institutional racism head on!

(Action: I am an angry black woman. I have already sent these comments to the clerk. Chief Jones does seem to be trying to improve an institution that is tough to change. We have been able to engage him. He is affable, funny and concerned. But we know it is no small task to effect change. Race Matters, Friends started attending city council meetings in 2015. There is still no political will to make the hard changes. We still have piecemeal change from that. There have been national and local task forces, but this council has failed to make funding a priority. If you are serious about making change, you need to prioritize certain folks first. Why do developers get to be first on the list all the time? Why have our social service funds not grown like other funds have. I am trying to keep my cool about Dale Roberts. There needs to be at least one police officer who will call him out. We know there are contract complications, but as long as he gets to be a run around racist, you are not fixing the problem. You can't have it both ways. If you have him on the job, you aren't fixing the problem. You either need to tell Dale Roberts to get out of town or you are complicit.

SPC24-20 Caitlin Cunningham - CPD response to protests.

(Action: The speaker thought that there are some obvious actions that can be taken. CPDs community outreach is what I would like to focus on. There are things happening now that are bigger than all of us. Don't make it all about you. On Channel 17, Chief Jones said they are trying to see how far things would

go in terms of protests. This is condescending. This is not an experiment. This is not a test. We are not testing boundaries. We are supposed to be talking. They are not ahead of the curve. They are still trying to look at having someone on the force dedicated to this situation. Some protestors heard a few cops say they were only going to kneel to get the protestors to move. That is wrong. We have had task force reports that have never been acted upon that are good ideas like limiting the use of force. I may have some blind spots about some of this, but I don't think we have done what we already said we were going to do. There is still a need for improvement.

SPC25-20 Paula Herrera-Gudiño - Mental health resources.

(Action: She would like to talk about the citizens police review board instead of mental health. A meeting was held on June 10th. One woman was there to complain about a police officer. The complainant was in the room. She was not allowed to respond to a letter about her complaint, but because she did not respond, her complaint could not be taken forward. Only one person only ever spoke to her directly. No one ever talked about the content of her complaint. But she was not allowed to speak. They never addressed the reason, just the rules. She was very upset. It is the job of the people who are sitting here to make this work. I asked this lady what her complaint is. She said that an officer had grabbed the woman and said he wanted to have sex with her and he touched her. And she wanted to complain but now she just felt foolish. The city has failed this woman. When she did come forward, she was treated with coldness and callousness. This is about misconduct by an officer who is supposed to be held accountable to the law. She was treated as if she was not even there. This is why people are in the streets now. There is a lot of tension going on. Justice is what love looks like in public. Accountability is what love looks like in private. This responsibility lies with you because you are in charge.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
(None.)

OLD BUSINESS
(None.)

CONSENT AGENDA

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

R73-20 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of a sidewalk along the north side of St. Charles Road between Demaret Drive and Battle Avenue.

R74-20 Setting a public hearing: proposed replacement of a sanitary sewer under Providence Road, south of Nifong Boulevard.

R75-20 Declaring the results of the June 2, 2020 municipal election.

R76-20 Authorizing a fireworks display agreement with J & M Displays, Inc. for the 2020 Fourth of July Celebration Event. **(Moved to New Business for consideration.)**

R77-20 Authorizing an agreement with the Boone County Historical Society for the display of aviation-related items and photographs at the Columbia Regional Airport.

R78-20 Authorizing an interconnection and net metering agreement with Shelter Mutual Insurance Company for a 300 kW solar photovoltaic system on property located at 1817 W. Broadway.
(Moved to New Business for consideration.)

R79-20 Approving the Preliminary Plat of “Cottages at Evergreen Place” located on the west side of Ballenger Lane and north of Dehaven Drive (Case No. 86-2020).

NEW BUSINESS

B119-20 Repealing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 024211 to lift the temporary waiver relating to the issuance and payment of parking meter hoods; declaring an emergency for enactment.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: As the reopening process begins, staff will reinstate the process of charging for parking and the enforcement of parking meter payments. Accordingly, an Ordinance has been prepared to amend Section 3. of B92-20 (Ordinance No. 024211) to lift the waiver of suspended payment for parking meter hood payments.

At the City Council’s May 18, 2020 meeting, Council discussed receiving a letter from the Downtown Community Improvement District (Downtown CID) requesting parking fees continue to be waived until July 31, 2020 and indefinitely allow two spaces for curbside pickup per block for the businesses. After Council discussion with the City Manager, it was decided to begin charging for parking once again. The City Manager directed staff to work with the CID to see what level of participation they would be willing to contribute to pay for meter bags for curbside pick-ups. Staff has worked with the CID a little and there may be a plan to employ 1 space per block which would be about 25 spots spread throughout the downtown area. They are targeted locations. They will try to informally monitor the usage pattern.

Skala asked how many spaces are used this way now? 50? Staff said there are more than that. The Mayor asked about average monthly revenue from the meters? Staff said it is about \$6.00 per day. The typical hood fee is now \$10.00 per day. Fowler asked how many total metered spaces we have? Staff said that there are over 2,000.

The public hearing was opened.

The head of the downtown CID appeared to speak on the issue. She noted that they are asking for curbside pick-up spots. There are more than 2,000 on-street metered spots and they are only asking for 25 free ones and can be used by anyone on the block, not just by the restaurants, but it allows for curbside pick-up. We are hoping they will only be used no longer than 10 minutes at a time. We are happy to try and monitor the usage.

Fowler said she is troubled by the number because she doesn’t think it goes far enough. She asked about the process for identifying the need. The speaker said they talk to the actual businesses to see who would use them if they were available. This is the pilot. If it seems to work, it could expand based on business interest. This is our first step. The Mayor asked if this was only for restaurants? The speaker said any business could use the spots. The Mayor said he thought that reinstating fees will encourage turnover in the use of the spots. The speaker agreed that some people were staying too long when the spots were free, so they support the meter fees. They identified these first 25 spots based on general business patterns in downtown and business interest.

Skala asked if there is signage involved in this? The speaker said that they had simple signage temporarily but they would like better, permanent signage that is better and they can help pay for that.

There were no further speakers, but there were several written comments that favored extending the free curbside parking spots. The Mayor read five letters of support. At least one also supported free parking everywhere downtown. The Mayor asked to immediately put this question to a vote.

The motion to make this an emergency consideration was made and the motion was approved.

Fowler said she was on board with the idea to start enforcing general parking fees at meters downtown. However, she believes that the hoods for pick-ups for impacted businesses should be made available and the city could be more generous in this regard. Peters said she also thought they should restart the general meters downtown. However, she thinks that we could potentially use more than 25 hoods for curbside pick-ups. She would also support 15 minute meters. Skala said this might be confusing because they keep changing, but he thinks there needs to be some obvious signage for these slots or people won't even know they are available for use.

Glascock said he would consider this as a pilot project and warned against doing more than 25 spots at first. The Mayor said the math on this works out to be \$180 for regular meter income and \$300 monthly for regular hood income. How much are we trying to save? Pitzer said he is willing to try a stricter plan right now, so he thinks there should be a larger number of spaces first.

The Mayor then said that what they needed to do was repeal the ordinance that granted the waiver on the fees then give the city manager the right to start charging for parking again and give the city manager the right to designate how many spaces would be used in the pilot project. If this becomes a permanent project, it will need to come back to council. The Mayor asked how long this might last? The CID speaker said the pilot would go until July 31 and then it could become a more permanent program. The speaker said if Grub Hub or someone needed to use one of these spots, that would probably be OK.

Fowler said she was bothered that this is a pilot and she thinks there needs to be some permanent change. She asked for an amendment that would allow for at least one parking hood meter per block and that she is not troubled by who uses the pick up space. The Mayor suggested going ahead with the repeal then allow a motion by Fowler to have the staff come back with a plan that could be approved. Peters said it needs to be an obvious plan and we need to not micromanage this. Let the CID do it and come back. Trapp said he thought they should do a pilot. Repeal the original ordinance then let this go forward. The Mayor said he wants some sort of limit in terms of time and spaces. He trusts the city manager to work this out and does want some cost sharing.

After further discussion, the city manager indicated that he could pursue negotiations on a pilot program.

A motion was made to pursue such a plan by the city manager. **That motion failed.**

The original motion, unamended was then considered and passed unanimously.

This vote will have the effect of reinstating parking fees downtown but allowing the city manager to pursue a parking hood program for curbside pick-ups with the Downtown CID.)

R76-20 Authorizing a fireworks display agreement with J & M Displays, Inc. for the 2020 Fourth of July Celebration Event. **(Moved to New Business for consideration.)**

(Action: Pitzer asked if they were actually saying that they are planning to shoot off fireworks but are asking people to stay home. Staff said that is true. They will shoot off the fireworks higher in the sky and

will discourage large crowds from forming. Staff believes you can see for 3 miles or so, generally, and that many of these fireworks can be shot high enough that they will be visible for more than 5 or 6 miles. There will be no parking lots open in the immediate area, just look for a good spot in your own neighborhood and look in the sky. Staff said this is the first time they have done this, so they hope there won't be a lot of traffic coming in, but there will be some and we will clean up afterwards if that happens. We assume some businesses along there will probably have people coming in. Pitzer asked if this will affect fish in the lake at the park? Staff said they weren't sure about that, but that staff will clean it all up.

There were no public comments. There were, however, some written and phone comments. The concern was the fact that some people of more limited means could not see the fireworks as well as some on the south side. Staff said they knew this could be a problem, but they started looking around at various locations and this is about the best spot they could find relying on school or park properties. Peters asked if bigger shells make more noise than the smaller ones usually shot? Staff said that was true. Peters asked if sponsors were still paying for this. Staff said they will. Now, the fireworks will be higher and louder. It's a Catch-22. It will last about 20 minutes.

Skala said if you live next to the city limits you will have this problem as well.

The motion to approve passed unanimously.)

R78-20 Authorizing an interconnection and net metering agreement with Shelter Mutual Insurance Company for a 300 kW solar photovoltaic system on property located at 1817 W. Broadway.

(Pitzer abstained.)

(Moved to New Business for consideration.)

(Action: Thomas said he was told that the city had ended the energy rebate programs. Staff said they were held up back in April, but were reinstated this past week. This was in reaction to the COVID-19 response. Thomas asked for clarification since this has happened twice. Staff will get this clarified and worked out.

The public was invited to speak. The head of the Water and Light Advisory Board appeared and endorsed this idea. There was, however, some discussion about the rebates and is glad to hear about the clarification. There seemed to be no logic for suspending the solar rebate program just because there was the corona virus. What sense did that make? We need transparency and logic. We need as much solar as we can. I cannot understand why the utility suspended the rebate program temporarily and what relationship that had to the public health matter. However, we support the extension of this rebate to Shelter.

Skala asked if the suspension of the rebate program had to do with processing the requests? The city manager said yes, they were sending people home at the time and we didn't have people to process applications. We didn't turn anybody down; we just didn't process anything for a short period of time.

A motion to approve was made and approved unanimously.)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as submitted as indicated on agenda.)

B120-20 Amending Chapter 11, Article IV, Division 2 of the City Code related to communicable diseases within the city.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B121-20 (Note, B121-20 has been intentionally removed from this agenda by the City Manager prior to Introduction and First Reading.)

B122-20** Voluntary annexation of property located on the southeast corner of Highway WW and Elk Park Drive; establishing permanent District M-N (Mixed-use Neighborhood) zoning (Case No. 76-2020).

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B123-20** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to Reliable Community Bancshares, Inc. to allow the establishment of a light vehicle service and repair use for a gas station and convenience store, and a drive-up facility as an accessory use to a financial institution (bank), on property located on the southeast corner of Highway WW and Elk Park Drive in an M-N (Mixed-use Neighborhood) zoning district; providing a severability clause (Case No. 77-2020).

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B124-20* Approving the Final Plat of "Southfork of the Grindstone, Plat No. 1-A" located on the southeast corner of Highway WW and Elk Park Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 78-2020).

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B125-20* Approving the Final Plat of "The Gates, Plat No. 4B" located on the north side of Sella Court, approximately 600 feet east of Rivington Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 111-2020).

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B126-20* Authorizing a third amendment to the solar power purchase agreement with Truman Solar, LLC.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B127-20* Accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B128-20* Repealing Ordinance No. 024235 which authorized a first supplemental agreement to an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to air service promotion for the Columbia Regional Airport; authorizing a new revised first supplemental agreement.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B129-20* Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the terminal project at the Columbia Regional Airport.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B130-20* Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with DFR, LLC for the acquisition of Lot 53 in Deerfield Ridge Plat 2 Subdivision located north of the intersection of Scott Boulevard and State Route K for the intended purpose of future construction of a fire station.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B131-20* Accepting a donation from Maxito Lindo for the City's roadside pollinator program; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B132-20* Authorizing a cooperative agreement with the County of Boone, Missouri for radio consultant services and the installation of a single site repeater at the Columbia Regional Airport.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B133-20* Authorizing approval of an Abatement Order On Consent with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

B134-20** Rezoning property located on the west side of Sixth Street and south of Wilkes Boulevard (811 N. Sixth Street) from District R-MF (Multiple-family Dwelling) to District R-2 (Two-family Dwelling) (Case No. 90-2020).

- B135-20**** Granting the issuance of a conditional use permit to JSAE Enterprises, LLC to allow for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit on property located at 507 S. Greenwood Avenue (Case No. 84-2020).
- B136-20*** Vacating a tree preservation easement on Lot 1 within Chapel Hill Meadows located east of Louisville Drive and north of Chapel Hill Road (Case No. 97-2020).
- B137-20*** Approving the Final Plat of “Chapel Hill Meadows, Plat No. 2” located on the northeast corner of the Chapel Hill Road and Louisville Drive intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 109-2020).
- B138-20*** Approving the Final Plat of “The Villages at Arbor Pointe Plat 4” located on the west side of Arbor Pointe Parkway between Waco Road and Flatwater Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 102-2020).
- B139-20*** Vacating a utility easement on Lot 1B1 within Broadway Farms, Plat No. 13-A located south of Broadway and west of Fairview Road (Case No. 44-2019).
- B140-20*** Authorizing construction of Discovery Parkway from Discovery Drive to south of the intersection of New Haven Road and Rolling Hills Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B141-20*** Authorizing a waterline relocation contract with Public Water Supply District No. 9 of Boone County, Missouri relating to construction of the Discovery Parkway extension project, from Discovery Drive to south of the intersection of New Haven Road and Rolling Hills Road.
- B142-20*** Authorizing construction of the Lenoir Street improvement project.
- B143-20*** Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Lenoir Street improvement project.
- B144-20*** Authorizing a right of use permit with Missouri Network Alliance, LLC, d/b/a Bluebird Network, for installation and maintenance of fiber optic cable within the City rights-of-way.
- B145-20*** Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Glenwood Avenue PCCE #25 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.
- B146-20*** Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the 2020 Missouri State Senior Games and Show-Me STATE GAMES.
- B147-20*** Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to allow the installation and maintenance of an African-American Heritage Trail marker in right-of-way located on the southwest corner of Providence Road and Ash Street.
- B148-20*** Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating restricted hotel tax revenue to the terminal project at the Columbia Regional Airport.
- B149-20*** Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds to close out a loan received from the Missouri Transportation Finance Committee (MTFC).
- B150-20** Establishing an administrative delay in the enforcement of land use and business regulations related to short-term rentals.

REPORTS

REP29-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act Funding Update.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: The City of Columbia will be receiving \$573,473 in CDBG-CV funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Recovery (CARES) Act. These funds were allocated by Congress on March 27, 2020 in direct response to the impact of COVID-19. CDBG-CV funding must be allocated for activities that directly address the impacts of COVID-19.

Much of the purpose of all funding allocated through the CARES Act is intended to meet direct needs arising from COVID-19 for low to moderate income households and individuals. HUD also provided

numerous waivers to jurisdictions to allow for more flexibility to meet community needs, as well as more timely allocation and expenditure of funds.

After having conducted community engagements sessions, the following themes/needs emerged: concern for rent/mortgage/utility assistance, homeless populations, low income families and children, local small businesses, and local minority owned businesses. Local business surveys, national surveys and other inputs were also evaluated.

The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) held its first meeting since the pandemic on May 20th. HCDC members were updated with information on the CARES Act, CDBG-CV, Micro-Enterprise Program, Small Business Recovery Loan Program and data being collected through Emergency Support Function (ESF) 14 under the Boone County Emergency Operations Plan.

The HCDC also approved a Request for Proposals for local non-profits to access funds for rent and mortgage assistance and approved the following funding allocations to recommend to City Council for Round 1 funding totaling \$573,473:

- \$300,000 Rental Assistance
- \$200,000 Micro-Enterprise Program
- \$73,473: Isolation & Quarantine and Other Public Services for Homeless Individuals

The HCDC will be meeting again on June 10, 2020 to review and consider non-profit applications for providing rent and mortgage assistance. The HCDC will also be doing a final vote on recommendations to Council for allocating funds. Recommendations for funding are anticipated to be brought to the July 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

Longer term, we need to continue to think about the future. For instance, what about this winter and we need social distancing in shelters? What about places that also have services designed for older, more vulnerable populations. Can you spend money on that? Also, will this money run into another round of funding and how will that affect our seasonal needs? The bottom line is we need to be sure we use these funds to target pandemic-specific needs.

The Mayor asked how many people could be served by the proposed rental assistance program? Staff said about 100 families. These would be families who are in homes but who may be late on rent for a month. This is a different group than is targeted by some other programs. There is also a mortgage assistance program that is separate. The Mayor asked about the homeless population funds. Staff suggested social distancing programs for sites and PPE availability. Staff explained the process for verifying income levels for any applicants. Much of it is completed through the VAC. Pitzer had asked about utility rebates. Staff said they have not pushed that idea because they did not have an additional pot of money and they did not want to duplicate any other utility rate assistance programs already in existence. There may be up to 7,000 to 8,000 people receiving some sort of utility assistance already. Pitzer encouraged looking at these additional needs. Staff said they could potentially roll that in with the mortgage assistance programs.

Fowler said she understood that the federal funds are designed to be used on things that are caused by the COVID-19 virus. In North Central, we have more homeless who were displaced from other places by the shutdowns. Staff said if we can document the elimination of other services, we can use funds to address those needs. Fowler said she would like to have neighborhood input on the use of those funds.

Staff said they can re-engage the neighborhood association to discuss these specific problems and potential fund uses.

No formal action was taken.)

REP30-20 Small Business Recovery Loan Program Application Rating Criteria.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: City Council approved an amendment to the FY2020 Annual Action Plan at its May 4, 2020 Council meeting. This amendment allocated \$400,000 in CDBG funds within the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for the Small Business Recovery Loan Program.

The Small Business Recovery Loan Program will provide up to \$15,000 in forgivable loans to businesses with 5-50 employees. The program is intended to help non-corporate, locally owned small businesses endure and adapt to on-going challenges associated with the pandemic, while retaining low to moderate income (LMI) jobs. Funding can be used for ongoing operating costs and must result in at least 1FTE position to be reserved for LMI employees.

Members of City Council expressed a desire for priorities in allocating CDBG funds to specific businesses served through the Small Business Recovery Loan Program. Staff has included a potential application rating criteria that identifies priorities for businesses with ownership in Columbia, minority owned businesses (MBE), woman owned businesses (WBE) and businesses not served through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), or other Small Business Administration Programs (SBA).

Given this feedback, City staff has developed the following 5 point rating criteria for the 26 businesses to be served through the Small Business Recovery Loan Program:

- 1 point for businesses with 100% ownership residing within Columbia
- 1 point for businesses with at least 51% minority ownership (MBE)
- 1 point for businesses with at least 51% female ownership (WBE)
- 1 point for businesses unable to access PPP, or SBA programs
- 1 point for business investing at least 20% of assistance in adapting to on-going social distancing requirements and business resiliency (greater online presence, adapting space for social distancing and safety, purchase of personal protective equipment)

City staff would intend to open the application period for one day or upon receiving 40 applications. Applications would then be scored and placed in rank order and by date/time stamp. City staff also intends to work with the NAACP, Men's Minority Network, Downtown CID, Jim Whitt and other local partners to conduct additional outreach to each business on the City's Minority and Women Owned Business Directory at least 2 weeks in advance of opening the program.

No formal action was taken.)

REP31-20 Dignity in Work.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: Late in FY2019, the Public Health and Human Services Department was informed that council discretionary funds in the amount of \$50,000 were appropriated in FY2019 for a "Dignity in Work" program requested by Councilperson Trapp. Councilperson Trapp indicated the Dignity in Work program would be a pilot program for a low barrier to entry day labor program targeted to individuals who are homeless/panhandling. Councilperson Trapp suggested that a request for proposals be issued seeking a community-based entity to administer the program. Due to limited capacity at the time, PHHS agreed to begin developing and coordinating the initiative in early 2020. The funding was encumbered and rolled into the FY2020 budget.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic response, PHHS lacks the capacity to develop and coordinate this initiative at this time. PHHS can coordinate with the Purchasing Division to issue an RFP; however, the responsibility of coordinating with City departments to hire the program participants as temporary staff would be that of the contracted entity. Under the circumstances created by the pandemic, this would appear to be prohibitively challenging.

Should the council wish to pursue an initiative to address homelessness, an option would be to utilize this council discretionary funding to offset the operational costs of the community-based organization implementing the rent/mortgage assistance funding being made available through the City Housing Division's current request for proposals for CARES Act CDBG funding. This would allow the entirety of the awarded CDBG funding to be made available for rent/mortgage assistance. (See REP 29-20) Because the CARES Act CDBG funding is a one-time allocation and time limited, the use of the council discretionary funds for this purpose would be self-limiting and would not need to be replaced.

It was also suggested that there is a move to build a fund for additional capacity for this winter and maybe this money could be spent forward for that.

Trapp said that there are a lot of places where these funds could go. He thinks Mr. Cole is doing a good job on shepherding these funds and will support his recommendations. Pitzer said he would rather see any unused funds be returned to a main budget rather than squirreled away into a plan that really isn't formed yet. Return the money to its original source first. Skala said he understood that idea and that the beauty of doing it that way allows different small pots of funding may be combined.

No specific action was taken but a general consensus was achieved in this regard.)

REP32-20 Commission on Human Rights Report in Support of a Proposed City Contractor Nondiscrimination Ordinance.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: On April 2, 2018, the City Council adopted resolution 48-18 which adopted principles of community for the City of Columbia. Outlined in the principles of community is the express desire to 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.

It is with this understanding that on March 3, 2020 the Commission on Human Rights unanimously passed a motion to send a report to council to recommend that City Council adopt the following proposed changes to Chapter 12 to address contractors conducting business with the City of Columbia:

- I. All contracts of the City obligate the contractor to comply with this Article and with any state or federal laws or regulations relating to unlawful employment practices in connection with any work to be performed thereunder, and require the contractor to include the obligation of such compliance in all subcontracts. City Contractors shall have an employee non-discrimination policy in accordance with the requirements of this Article, and such policy shall prohibit discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, receipt of governmental assistance, alienage or citizenship status, status as a victim of sexual or domestic violence, order of protection status, or any other legally protected category recognized pursuant to the City ordinances, state or federal law.*

The Mayor said he had asked the commission to look at this issue since this is consistent with our general policy statements already adopted. He supports this concept. Legal staff said they can come back with appropriate language and that the city already extends all protections in the city code to the contracts it makes with vendors.

No further action was taken.)

REP33-20 North 763 Community Improvement District (CID) - FY 2021 Annual Budget.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: The North 763 CID submitted its annual budget and accounting for the prior year as required by ordinance. The Mayor indicated that this is a smaller CID and that they have also submitted names for board spots that will be considered later in the year.

No specific action was taken.)

REP34-20 Updated Timeline for the Establishment of a Residential Parking by Permit Only Program.

(Continued from the June 1, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: On October 3, 2018 the City retained Walker Consultants (“Walker”) to assist the Parking Utility in overall parking planning, operations and financial analysis. On that day, the PAC directed the consultant to complete a proposal for a Baseline Review of the Parking Utility. In addition, per the request of City staff, Walker submitted a proposal for the creation of a systematic, city-wide process to establish neighborhood RPPO (Residential Parking by Permit Only) programs. Staff successfully negotiated a contract with Walker for the establishment of an RPPO program and was approved by Council on December 17, 2018.

On April 2, 2019, City Staff along with consultants from Walker, held the RPPO kick-off meeting at Benton Elementary School. Invitees included representatives from Columbia Public Schools, Stephens College, Columbia College, University of Missouri, Missouri Student Association (MSA), and Neighborhoods from Benton Stephens, East Campus (both associations), North Central, Westmount, and the Grasslands. The intent of this kick-off meeting was to hear from the various people/groups over concerns they have with parking in their respected area and to discuss what an RPPO is and how it can work. The meeting was adjourned with the intent to make recommendations for the next meeting. At the April 3, 2019 PAC meeting, Walker shared feedback from the RPPO meeting and noted that there was confusion among the meeting attendees on what an RPPO is and is not. Walker explained that an RPPO is a tool the community can use to help manage residential on-street parking if desired and stressed that there is no mandate to implement an RPPO throughout the City. Walker communicated that an RPPO is just one tool within a Residential Parking Assistance Program (RPAP). A recommendation was made to hold a second community meeting on May 1, 2019.

The Transit and Parking Manager sent an email to community stakeholders on April 29, 2019, to communicate the intent of the meeting scheduled for May 1, 2019. The email indicated that the goal of formalizing an RPAP is to help residents who believe that on-street parking issues in their neighborhood exist, and provide residents with a formal process to identify and evaluate options for improvement. In many cases, the current ordinances for on-street parking in neighborhoods are effective and appropriate. The RPAP would be of no current use in those neighborhoods.

At the May 1, 2019 community meeting, many attendees voiced concern about whether an RPAP was needed for their neighborhood. After much discussion, the group supported the decision for the City and Walker to create a residential parking assistance handbook, similar to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) handbook. This handbook would be organized to define a clear set of

options and solutions for residential parking issues and a guide to citizens for how to obtain different levels of service. It was also explained that different neighborhoods could elect to engage in different levels of parking solutions if it seemed warranted.

Since that time, there has been little to no progress on completing this project and the city staff person assigned to this project has resigned and not been permanently replaced. There is an outline of a handbook that can be reviewed, but since September of 2019 there have been few inquiries regarding the need for this project.

The staff intends to start up the discussion with the neighborhood groups again once a new Manager is hired. A four-page “guide” does exist to help people understand how the process would generally work. Staff feels the handbook reflects the community input and comments from the PAC. The intended outcome of the RPAP analysis is the adoption of a formal process for use by residents and the City to implement a residential parking program. Once a manager is hired, the existing work will need to be reviewed again and adopted in some form by the council. That should happen soon.

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This is simply a report on the status of that project. Skala said he thought some problems had been solved by striping or simply marking different parking spaces. Staff said they don’t like to just jump into one of these programs in every neighborhood since it doesn’t always fit. The process is petition driven.

Fowler asked about the number of people required to request a parking program and whether or not this has to be driven by actual residents or property owners. She described how North Central changes as it comes from the downtown area. She thought maybe some parts of a neighborhood could form a parking plan and not a whole neighborhood. Fowler thinks that right now we have a lot of people missing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that we may need to revisit this when people return. Fowler believes that this is a contentious issue and that residents need a voice since property owners may not support it. Fowler asked if there could be some precision when talking about who gets to vote on these kinds of issues and whether it is property owners or renters of property.

Thomas said he likes the idea of neighborhood parking management programs and he likes the infographic that has been prepared. Trapp said they have already approved this and paid a consultant and he thinks we should refer to the program that has been developed. Pitzer asked how much neighborhood parking permits costs per year. Staff said they don’t know because no neighborhood has taken it that far yet to determine who pays, how much the city participates and how many people it would affect. The Mayor asked how much we spent on a consultant to tell us that the public doesn’t want this program? Staff said that initially it was \$100,000 but we haven’t spent all of that. Peters said she has been to these parking meetings and that there is not movement, it is just a bunch of vitriol. It is not going to work in East Campus and I bet we could find something else to do with that money.

What’s the status of the gate arms on the parking garages? This week there will be a news release announcing that the arms will be active later this month and in the month of July.

No specific action was taken on this report.)

REP35-20 Administrative Public Improvement Project - Bus Shelter Installation at the Clark Lane and Olympic Boulevard Bus Stop.

(Action: This project includes the installation of a bus shelter at the west entrance to the Pine Grove Village Manufactured Home Community along Clark Lane. There is an existing bus stop at this location (Clark Lane and Olympic Boulevard bus stop). The shelter will be constructed in the existing street right-of-way and will include construction of an 8'x12' concrete pad and installation of the shelter structure. The adjacent property owner (Pine Grove Village Manufactured Home Community) contacted Public Works requesting installation of a bus shelter at this location. Staff will utilize a City Term and Supply Contract to complete construction of the concrete pad, the bus shelter structure will be installed by City Staff. Construction is planned for this Summer. The total estimated project cost is \$9,000 (includes pad and shelter) and will be funded by the ¼ cent Capital Improvement Program sales tax.

Skala supported this concept. Fowler said she supports this as well and asked if we put trash receptacles in all bus stops? Staff said that sometimes they do. Fowler asked if that could come as a request and staff said that could happen. Fowler then asked about another bus shelter that used to be on Wilkes and staff said it was eliminated because of problems associated with that facility.

Skala said some bus stops are just bus stops, not shelters. Are you asking to put trash cans at just stops or in bus shelters? Fowler said she wants to know what goes along with a stop, a shelter, etc.

No specific action was taken on this item although staff indicated it will proceed with the project.)

GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Public

One speaker indicated that he has children who are both black and white. He thinks that racism is institutionalized in our city and school system. It is unacceptable to allow racist police officers to remain on the staff. We need to make that change right now. I have seen my kids treated differently based on race. I hope you take this seriously. I think we need to take the police reform suggestions and pass them all. I think we need more training in our schools. Most of our problems were at Gentry and at Rockbridge High School. The traffic report is damning. We need to address that. It is a statistical nightmare of a report. Our chief needs support to stand up against the police officers association.

Another speaker said she is a public health nurse. She has solutions for both public health and racism. We need to stop arresting people for non-violent crimes. We need to post any judgments awarded against police officers. We should not do business with any companies that are discriminatory. Therefore, you should not be doing business with our police department. Right now, we are focused on the loss of public trust. We need to regain that first.

The next speaker said that more than \$26 million was spent on police last year. He then said that if you combine public transit, public health and other important programs, it is less than we spend on the police. I know why we spend money on police, but we need to get this under control. Sending people with guns into a mental health crisis is wrong. If we could take some of the police money and spend it on social service programs, we could use their own resources to solve problems and would have to spend less on public relations and another administrative programs caused by police performance.

Another speaker said that he was an organizer of some the downtown marches. He is hoping we can make strides and believes in the message of Black Lives Matter. There have been many black men and women who have lost their lives since 2013 and they all have names. People are being judged by the color of their skins for no reason. If a house were on fire and the fire department came and did not try to put out the fire, you would think that was wrong. This is how we feel about race.

The next speaker was one of the organizers of some of the local protests. he set up meetings with the police officers. He noted that he has been treated poorly by the police in the past, but he has not given up. He drives a nice car and has been pulled over for driving a nice a car, but he owns it. Sometimes people think he is resisting arrest because he didn't think it was right. Basically, what he is saying, he still wants to get this right between the community and the police. Let's build some rapport. I will be here as much as possible and will relay information how ever I can. We will march continually until we see change.

The next speaker is a member of the People's Defense. She noted that she saw the overreaction of police in this community. She does not just want to focus on the police. There was a person who was picked up who clearly had a mental problem. We were told that he had a 96 hour hold and that after that evaluation he might be back out on the street. Does this mean that we have a huge mental health crisis? There is a huge stress. This is why we want to talk about defunding the police. We need more funding for the mental health system who instead of just putting people who have problems back on the street. They told us he would get help, but he will not.

Another speaker said that each of us have different loads we have to bear. I think all lives matter. Education is needed across the board. Those who are educated need to teach the younger generations how to show respect, how to put down your cell phones and how to follow the law. We need empathy, not sympathy. We are all human beings and we have a willingness and desire to be respected and honored and not for our skin color. We should all listen and act and not all suggestions will be taken. Let's see the people who can be a good example. I want to see people step up and be proud to be a good example.

Another speaker made a picture that said equality in several different ways. She believed that CPD assaulted a man in the back of a car here in this town. It is out of line and it is crazy. These are the same officers that come out with us. This is crazy. The Mayor said the video does not show that. The speaker said it did. The speaker said it needs to be fixed. We need to have officers who are certified to deal with people of color, sexual issues and issues of homelessness. We think certification should be mandatory. This would address the trust issue.

Another speaker said what you have seen here tonight is that people are speaking out. If you do not believe that racism is not alive in Columbia, then you are wrong and it is only a matter of time until you see it. People who had problems were all told to go online. We assume that there is internet accessibility and knowledge for everybody and there is not. Racism is real. Come be black with me for just a week. Why did we have to have a show of force of six patrol cars in the park at one time last week? We need to work on deescalating the police department.

I am the person who got hit last week during the rally. The police are not doing their jobs. I got hit. I'm not going to stop and I will get justice. I am tired of the Columbia Police not doing a quicker job. My home is a safe home in this community. And this is what happens. I paid my taxes. This is not acceptable. Something has to happen.

Another speaker said he raises his kids here. He has a lot of hope in this town. He doesn't know the ins and outs of this town. I don't know if you recognize that you have a problem. Those people out there want to defund and disband the law enforcement structure. Those folks are plagued with crime and racism. I don't want to see the police disbanded, but that is what those people really want – and it is legitimate because you have failed to do your job. These people have a real problem and it is going to

take some absolute action and conversation to solve this. We will have to step off our soap boxes. We need diversity and a cohesive approach to these problems. The Mayor asked if we need more diversity on the police force, what else do we need? The speaker said that his kids have an image of police officers as someone to fear, and that needs to be overcome. We are talking about color here. Color that is our biology that we can't avoid. We are where we are now and if you are a problem solver you need to get in there and do something. And we need to have a genuine conversation. The Mayor asked if they have a bigger, better dialogue – and not at City Hall – where would you do it and how would you get people involved in it?

If we did some big thing instead of 20 speakers taking three minutes at the end of the meeting would it make a difference? The speaker said it would be a great gesture – but that it would have to be genuine. The Mayor and the speaker discussed where they could have such a community meeting and nothing was really decided although the speaker said it would need to be accessible and have good sound and be something you've already got. He thought that policing reform was imperative. Whether that comes in the form of disbanding, rebranding, defunding or what? We don't know. I know you guys have your hands tied on some of this stuff, but what Hester hears or says doesn't necessarily match what everyone else or you say earlier. Definitely there needs to be a conversation that is genuine.

The Mayor said he thought the speaker should become a police officer himself. The speaker said no, the job is way too hard. You set them up as paramilitary officers to take out the other side and then expect them to be liked. Systemically they are doing a function in the community, but we all have a sense of identity and it goes with us everywhere we go. The speaker then talked about how plantation owners used to police the slaves. The overseers would control the slaves. Am I saying every police officer believes they are overseers? Maybe not, but that is a perception depending on the jacket you have on. And to some people, that jacket makes you think you are an overseer and it makes some people think you are one.

You can't just take the piece of Lego off the statue that you don't like. You need to build something different. The Mayor asked the speaker to call his office in the morning to continue the discussion.

The next speaker indicated that he is an entertainer and well known in this community. He was appalled by the story of the man who was suicidal and that the police responded with a non-lethal shotgun. He said that he has worked in this field and he believes that there are many other options for de-escalation that could be used first.

The next speaker said he has been outside protesting everyday and that the reason they are outside is to make a better community. We were formed in utter chaos. And what you see is just a fraction of the number of people who are really on our side. We have come together and are showing you that we need and want change, but we have to come out here everyday to prove it. The people you see are passionate and loving and they are looking for true change. They are ready for something new. Now, what actions are you going to take? The Mayor said he wants to know what problem you want to have fixed? The speaker said he wants it to be a less brutal and unjust way. Don't approach someone with mental problems with a shield and a gun. Do it a different way. That's not right. You all have a heart. We need social outreach. Why is using pepper spray the first action of our "protectors". This is just as much our community as it is yours. Come out and here us. These people out here are on a witch hunt for change and they are not going to stop until they get it.

Council

Trapp said he wanted to thank all the people who have come out to talk about police reform. He has worked on this for years and we have made some changes, but it is difficult. Plus, you get it on a national level and it is applied here and there are different levels of nuance and history. I wish we could have done better here. I am committed to using my time here to improve the situation. We have done a lot of public processes. Our racial stop data doesn't seem to have improved though. It continues to grow. We need to address this disparity. I have asked the city manager to ask the chief to just stop doing pretext stops. Let's see. I think there are also attitudes that we embrace from the top that can make a difference. What about marijuana arrests. How do those skew? On one ride along I went on we stopped someone for a taillight out. I don't think that's effective. I think there are some people who drive certain types of cars in certain neighborhoods who get stopped again and again and again. At the council level, I think we could make it so it is not a primary thing to make pretext stops. I think we need to take action.

Thomas wanted to thank everyone who came out tonight and who has continued to march. He thinks the campaign is well organized and thoughtful. Having the power of people behind it is going to make a difference. I think this goes a lot deeper than just police brutality. I hope a meeting between the police and protesters can be rearranged. This problem goes back to terrible economic inequities and I don't know how to solve those, but I am willing to try and affect the kinds of things that we can locally. Let's look at how we deploy our officers. Let's examine repurposing some of our police funds for social services, mental health and services that would do a better job than the police in solving the problem. We have empty positions in our department. In Oregon, they filled some empty positions with some different types of personnel. If the Police Officers Association does not meet our standards, we may not be able to bargain with them any longer. Those are suggestions to start with.

Skala appreciated the dialogue. He wants to talk about three things. We have a new city manager and police chief because we started the process of community policing and making contacts with community leadership about sidewalks and lighting and things like that. Unfortunately, we did that in three or four areas, then, when we wanted to expand it to the rest of the city, we kind of abandoned that original program and those people who had come to rely on the original part felt let down. Also, at the National League of Cities there is a National Racial Equity program that I have been involved with. We got funding to take a look at all of our policies through a racial equity lens. Unfortunately, we kind of kicked the can down the road and we never really went forward with that plan. I would like a report on that effort and would like to reconsider committing to that racial equity lens program and looking at what we do from a policy level. Finally, at the last meeting we were interrupted early, but I had sent out a draft resolution for an equity resolution that we could pass locally. It would deal with both the coronavirus and racial equity in how we deal with that public health issue and how we spend funds. There are some tangible things we can do now.

The Mayor asked Trapp if he thought there is room for a town hall meeting to continue this conversation. If there is no tolerance for more talk, then take that off the table, but I don't think there is consensus yet and I think we need a town hall as a two-way listening session. I want to talk about the mental health and the police functions. Trapp said he is not against more talk, but he thinks it can't be only that. Peters agreed with Trapp. She started to make a list. She thinks we should do the #8cantwait items, the repurposing of funds maybe, all sorts of specific action items. What can we do over the next one or two years that is specific and that we can put in a budget? I think we need a plan or an outline. The Mayor said he thinks they should also look at the Columbia Police Review board process. Trapp said this is not the first time this has happened, so just know that. The Mayor said he wants to figure out what problem we want to solve. We can measure results. The numbers don't look that bad in terms of police use of force. Are we capturing all the complaints? Is our data good or bad? Some of the data looks OK.

Some does not. We need accurate numbers and measurements. We have 6 out of the 8 can't wait ideas already in place. Maybe we need to change our use of force policy.

Skala said they hadn't heard much lately about accreditation. Let's have a report on that or where are we on that?

The Mayor switched topics and asked about mandatory ethics training and what room we use. Peters said she likes having the pre-council meetings in the regular council chamber instead of in the side rooms. Thomas agreed that having the meetings in the main chamber is a good idea. So did Pitzer. Skala said if they can schedule it it is OK. The Mayor then asked about collecting written comments on each meeting. We started that during the COVID orders, so should we continue that at this point and return to regular comment or how do you want to manage that?

Fowler said she supports having the pre-council meetings in the main chamber and she likes the idea of having the broader ability to sent comments to the council including video, other ways to view boards and commissions and written comments.

The Mayor read written comments. One opposed government shutdown of business. One opposed the implementation of small cell wireless technology.)

Staff
(None.)

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