



Columbia City Council Meeting Recap

Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall

7:00 PM

July 6, 2020

(SPECIAL NOTICE ATTACHED TO THE JULY 6, 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@como.gov. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6 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

Approval of Minutes

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

(Recited as indicated.)

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

(Absent: None.)

(No minutes from previous meetings were available for approval.)

Adjustment of Agenda

(B136-20 and B137-20 moved from Consent to Old Business by Thomas. B126-20 abstain by Pitzer.)

SPECIAL ITEMS

SI11-20 David Lineberry, Chair of Mayor's Task Force on Bicentennial Celebration Planning.

(Action: This part of the city is rich in history, and we want to make sure we are inclusive of all parts of the city. KBIA has been airing a radio series on Black History that will be included in some of our presentations. The second important part of the Bicentennial is celebration. The big bash will be on June 12, 2021. (It should have been in May, but May is booked, so we moved it to June. Most of the celebration will be centered downtown. The county's bicentennial was this year, but a lot of their stuff got delayed due to the coronavirus and we will be incorporating those elements into our celebration. Legacy is the third part of our planning, and we want to leave a lasting gift to the city. We will reclaim the old creek and create a new park at Broadway and Providence. It is a multi-million dollar project. We are paying for it over time and some aspects of this project will start out fairly basic. The Gateway Plaza will also be funded by the downtown CID and will be part of the overall Bicentennial Celebration. The challenge is to raise \$2.2 million to pay for all of this. We cannot predict how the current pandemic will affect our ability to raise funds in the short term. We are also looking for volunteers.

Pat Fowler indicated that there are 10,000 old bricks that were retained and that some of those may be able to be used for improvements on this project. Fowler said that they may be suitable for landscaping but maybe not for actual paving. The Mayor indicated that the original centennial was also faced with a pandemic back in 1918, so don't feel too bad about the hiccup in planning here.

No official action was taken.)

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

(Action: We are making a contribution to the pollinator program. I have noticed a decline in this type of planting and believe that this represents a long-term dedication to a good idea and that it is important in terms of its intention. I want people to know that this program and the Sustainability Office is important. The Clerk then read the ordinance and a vote on the item was held.

The donation was accepted unanimously.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Bicentennial Task Force: Kathy Becker, Joy Best (Mayor's appointment.)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC26-20 Jamie Reeves - Police defunding.

(Action: Did not appear as indicated.)

SPC27-20 Robert Todd Haenisch - Redox cell signaling molecules technology.

(Action: The speaker wanted to talk about something very simple that was the foundation for a Nobel Prize in 1998. There is a supplement available now and if we had this technology it would save lives because it would address symptoms at the cellular level. He is meeting with his patent attorneys right now and the only place you can get it is in Utah. This is important in detox. This can make some people very rich. This has no toxicity. This reverses symptoms of cancer. It does not treat or cure medical disease, but it does treat symptoms. I have to be careful about how I say this. We need more beds and more healthy people right now. I am humbled to share this with you. If you know of someone who has COVID, we can get it to you. Doctors can not get this to you. We can find it as a supplement. I am a professor of travel. I have travelled all over and I think we need to act globally. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.)

SPC28-20 Lynn Maloney - Institutional racism and city contracts.

(Action: The speaker said the Mayor was quoted as saying that they will take actions to end institutional racism. She wants to see what that will be. She noted that the city has a contract with the CPOA. She noted that the city makes its own rules when they cite state laws about hiring and firing officers. Also, what about the firing of Dale Roberts. Was he fired even though he has made outrageous posts? No. They have a post. IT says "I am the police. We are the law. We did not make the law. I will arrest you" (Not exactly the kind of thing that makes you feel comfortable). Doing business with the CPOA which is obviously racist cannot be justified and we ask for you to end your association with that group. You are being held hostage by this group. Why not ask the CPOA to fire Dale Roberts? This is not an anti-union position we are adopting. You could do what Minneapolis did and dismantle the police department. The CPOA is at the very heart of racism in this city. (The Mayor left during this speech and Skala ran the meeting in his absence.)

SPC29-20 Kimber Summers - Shifting the responsibility of addiction and drug use from the criminal justice to the social justice system.

(Action: In the past month there has been an increasing interest in defunding the police and discussing racial inequality. But, we need to talk about mass incarceration – and to do that we need to talk about drug use. In 2014, 4700 arrests were made for drugs, but only 10% of them were for hard crimes like major sales or crimes. They were for non-violent, non-negligent activities. CPD has a \$20 million+ budget. Only \$7.5 million was for public health. There is a disparity. We could reinvest some of that money in public health and remove them from the policing category. This would put the funds in the correct place and move them from the criminal justice system to the social justice system. We could make a 50% increase in the social budgets we have. We could do something positive instead of trying to keep people off of food stamps and other positive programs. Many arrests are for disorderly conduct and many of those are related to alcohol or drugs. If we could get the correct people to intervene at the right time first, it would be a better use of our funds. 11% of people in Columbia are black, but way too many black people are arrested. It doesn't make any sense for us to continue the way we have.)

SPC30-20 Roy Lovelady - Police, policies, and the racial injustice happening here in Columbia.

(Action: The speaker indicated that this city is about 10% black and 6% Asian and other. The numbers are skewed too heavily in terms of arrests for things like resisting arrest, minor crimes, etc. We have a problem. Ever since the war on drugs was created, the vicious use of force against blacks has been present. The issues between the community and the police is based on fear. The low-income, high crime areas are the fault of the police. 1 in every 4 black men will go to jail at some point. Only 1 in 23 white men will find that true. This is not an accident. It is systemic racism. I think you should ban strangle and choke holds. I think you should increase training and education. I think you need at least an associate's degree and more equity training. Community policing is a good example of what we would like to see locally. It would be great if you could continue this interest in equity even after the coronavirus is gone from the scene. I think you should come up with some software so you could know the status of your complaint. I think police are overworked. The speaker also opposed a bill that was signed by the Governor today. The speaker did not like that. In terms of Black Lives Matter, take your knee off our neck so we can breathe. We are here to stay until this is over.)

SPC31-20 Renee Maxwell - Police reforms.

(Action: The speaker said there has been a lot of talk about defunding the police. What we want to do is reallocate some funds. It just so happens if we invest in the health of the most vulnerable people in our society, we will not have to rely on the police to take care of the problems. A militarized police force is no way to keep a community safe. If that were true, we would be the safest most crime-free nation on earth – and that is not true. A budget truly reveals the priorities of the city. We spend more money on policing than we do on health and social services. City leadership has failed to help our homeless neighbors. We found \$9 million to build a new police facility, but no money for homeless. This is a lack of leadership. We need to address the root cause of our problems. No more lip service. Insure that our most vulnerable will receive care and opportunities. She proposes that the police department fire all officers with excessive force complaints; end incarceration of children, end SROs in schools; make a hiring freeze in CPD; end no-knock warrants; acknowledge disparities in stop reports; make efforts to reduce contacts with black people; make police contacts with the public available at no cost. The city should decriminalize drug possession; ban stun grenades, neck restraints and other restraints; require individual police to carry their own liability insurance. Base our program on a program known as CAHOOTS from Oregon. We need more money for homeless shelters.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH23-20 Proposed construction of a sidewalk along the north side of St. Charles Road between Demaret Drive and Battle Avenue.

(Action: The St. Charles Road Sidewalk (Demaret Drive to Battle Avenue) project will include the construction of a sidewalk along the north side of St. Charles Road between Demaret Drive and the property at the northwest corner of the intersection of St. Charles Road and Battle Avenue. The project length is approximately 3,100 linear feet with the majority of the sidewalk being constructed along the Lake of the Woods Golf Course property.

The preliminary sidewalk design includes a 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with grass parkway between Demaret Drive and the entrance to the golf course and a 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk with concrete curb and gutter from the golf course driveway to the end of the project near Battle Avenue. The project also includes a crosswalk with a pedestrian flashing beacon at the intersection of St. Charles Road and Demaret Drive. The sidewalk will be constructed along the Lake of the Woods Golf Course which is owned by the City's Parks and Recreation Department; therefore, permanent sidewalk easements (PSE) should not be necessary for construction of the project. Temporary construction easements and a permanent drainage easement may need to be acquired.

Construction of this project is currently scheduled to be completed during the Fall/Winter of 2020. The estimated total project cost for this sidewalk is \$688,600, this includes design, utility relocation, easements and construction. Columbia Public Schools is contributing 50 percent towards the total cost of the project per the Cost Allocation Agreement approved at the April 6, 2020 Council meeting.

Skala noted that this project has been looked forward to for a long time. This has been productive in sharing costs with the school. It started out with the county agreeing to share costs, but that changed, so the cost share is now two ways. Fowler asked if the 50% share is a true half. Staff said yes. The public forum was opened and no one appeared.

One letter was received in favor of this project and thought this was absolutely necessary. The public hearing was closed.

The motion was made to refer this to staff for completion.

The motion was approved.)

PH24-20 Proposed replacement of a sanitary sewer under Providence Road, south of Nifong Boulevard.
(Action: The South Providence Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project will consist of constructing 390 linear feet of new gravity sewer pipe and two sanitary sewer structures to replace the existing sanitary sewer under South Providence. The existing pipe has settled, requiring it to be maintained more frequently due to grease and solids buildup. Replacing the pipe will reduce maintenance and the potential for backups and overflows. The existing sanitary sewer pipe will be abandoned. Much of this project will be constructed utilizing a trenchless boring method to accommodate MoDOT requirements.

Sewer Utility Engineering staff held an Interested Parties meeting at City Hall on January 9, 2020. Staff has communicated with the property owners of the parcels on which the sanitary sewer is proposed to be located. These property owners are generally supportive of the project. Staff has also discussed the project with MoDOT, as the project will cross their right-of-way. The resolution estimate for this project is \$245,000 and will be paid from Sewer Utility enterprise revenue funds.

Fowler asked about grease and if there was a real problem. Staff said there is nothing particular about this area, it is simply build up due to settling in the pipe system.

No one appeared to speak on this item.

A motion was made to refer this to staff for completion.

The motion was approved unanimously.)

OLD BUSINESS

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

(Action: In order to provide checks and balances in the process of issuing emergency health orders which have general applicability within the City, an ordinance has been prepared to limit the length of time a health order may be effective without formal ratification by the City Council.

If Council adopts the measure, the maximum time period an order issued pursuant to Section 11-98 of the City Code would be limited to twenty-one (21) days. This time period corresponds to the same period of time the City Manager may establish temporary emergency regulations without approval of the Council.

In addition, Chapter 11, Article IV, Division 2 of the City Code contained two additional sections which did not utilize gender neutral language. It is the practice of the City to include and correct the language in all sections of the City Code contained within an article, or portion thereof, which is not gender neutral. The Mayor noted that the gender neutral language did need to be cleaned up. Skala asked about squaring this up in terms of 21 days. Why 21 days? Does that match the time between council meetings?

Staff said that that could be part of the rationale and also that represents an incubation period. Staff then said that the next step of the re-opening plan is slated to take place on the 23rd of this month. That would then allow the number of people to go from 100 to 250. The Health Director said she is not feeling good about that right now and wanted to let people know that.

The public comment period was opened.

The first speaker indicated that he is not sure that wearing masks is a cure. He said he did not want the council to be able to adopt that rule so he was opposed to this. The Mayor explained that this was simply a procedural change and that argument about the mask rule could take place later.

The motion to approve this change was approved unanimously.)

B126-20 Authorizing a third amendment to the solar power purchase agreement with Truman Solar, LLC. **(Pitzer will abstain on this item.)**

(Action: Truman Solar, LLC has recently contacted staff and stated that due to the Covid-19 situation, they will be unable to complete the solar generating facility by the June 30, 2020 commercial operation date. Truman Solar, LLC requested a third amendment to the agreement to extend the commercial operation date of the facility to December 31, 2020. The Council meeting on June 1, 2020 adjourned before this bill was introduced. This delayed consideration of approval of the amendment until July 6, 2020.

Due to this delay, Truman Solar is requesting the commercial operation date be extended to January 31, 2021. A revised third amendment to the agreement has been provided to incorporate the commercial operation date of January 31, 2021.

Public comment was opened and no one rose to speak.

(The Mayor moved an amendment to correct the date in the contract. The amendment was approved. A motion to approve the ordinance as amended was approved.)

B150-20 Establishing an administrative delay in the enforcement of land use and business regulations related to short-term rentals.

(Action: On June 1, 2020, Council tabled several ordinances pertaining to short-term rentals (STRs), and defeated an ordinance that would grant an administrative delay in enforcement of the proposed STR regulations if enacted.

As discussed during Council's consideration of the several proposed regulatory ordinances, STRs (i.e., short-term home sharing using platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, Flipkey, etc.) are not authorized business uses under the zoning regulations, particularly in residential districts and other districts that do not permit lodging, hotel, or bed-and-breakfast uses. Staff has prepared a new administrative delay that would stay enforcement against STRs term rentals as an unauthorized land use and business in residential districts, provided they comply with other applicable laws, while the tabled ordinances are pending. This would remain in effect until January 31, 2021.

The City acknowledges the existence of STRs within the community; however, while the City has been studying the regulation of STRs the enforcement of the City Code restrictions on their operation has been limited to complaint response. This stay in enforcement does not apply to nuisance laws, life-safety codes, or form and development controls in the Unified Development Code. Operators may be cited for overcrowding, peace disturbance, nuisance party, trash out early, parking violations, or other infractions, if applicable. The ordinance maintains the status quo, but does not confer any vested right for STRs to continue indefinitely should the Council determine to revoke the administrative delay or adopt regulations in the future to restrict operations.

The Mayor asked what P&Z was planning to do on this issue between now and then. P&Z said they would be willing to take a look at this again and dig deeper or look at other aspects. Fowler said she thought the council had already referred it back to them but that that got hijacked due to the coronavirus issue. Pitzer said they should not harmonize all the amendments. We all voted against it for different reasons. So some stuff needs to go away. We also said that we should take a look at this in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Skala said there was also a new voice on the P&Z Commission. The Mayor thought there should be some work sessions by the P&Z Commission. The general consensus was that it should go back for another look by P&Z.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke.

Fowler noted that there was more expansive language in the staff report than what is in the actual bill. Staff indicated the two do not need to match exactly.

A motion to approve this bill passed unanimously.)

(These two items were removed from Consent for further discussion before a final vote was taken.)

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).

(Moved to Old Business.)

(Action: Approval of this request will remove an existing tree preservation easement located on part of Lot 1 of the "Chapel Hill Meadows" subdivision that was recorded by separate document. The existing preservation area will be relocated into common lot C2 of the "Chapel Hill Meadows Plat No. 2" final plat which is being concurrently introduced on the Council's June 15 agenda (Case # 109-2020). The proposed new location complies with the provisions of the UDC which recommend that tree preservation areas be contained within common lots of subdivision developments to reduce possible removal of the protected trees.

Thomas asked what the alternative would have been as approved by staff. Staff said it was a part of the land disturbance process and the arborist created a space that included a n area for restoration, planting of native grasses and some voluntary tree preservations in this area. Some are large trees that they will work with some property owners on. Thomas asked if this was an equitable process and staff indicted that the process was equitable and allowed. Is the reason the tree preservation was switched because they wanted to build a detention pond on one part? Staff said that they were required to have a tree preservation area on one of the lots, but that they then brought together some storm water BMPS to solve the problem.

Thomas said he believed that there were some existing stormwater problems facing some existing neighbors. Will this solve those problems? Staff said there are two intermittent streams in this area. It is a critical area. This plan will have some construction features like silt fences and check dams during that period. In earlier construction, some of these measures did not work fully. There have been some repairs made and that is all under control now.

The public was invited to comment.

An engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant. He has no formal presentation, but he did note that this was an equitable resolution to the problem. The reason for the current change was that the new UDC requires the tree preservation area to be on its own lot. This moves the area now so there is no confusion in the future. This will preserve just as many if not more trees. We did not want there to be any question about future development on these lots. In terms of other runoff checks, the original gravel in place was not designed to serve as a check dam and we have now addressed that in tandem with the city engineer.

There was no further public comment.

Thomas said he was satisfied with the answers he received.

The item was approved unanimously.)

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).

(Moved to Old Business.)

(Action: This bill was approved unanimously after discussion of the previous item.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(All items remaining on Consent Agenda approved by unanimous vote.)

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).

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).

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).

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).

B127-20 Accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 JS&E 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).

(Moved to Old Business.)

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).

(Moved to Old Business.)

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).

R80-20 Setting a public hearing: consider the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Project Plan for the City of Columbia, Missouri.

R81-20 Authorizing various Adopt A Spot agreements.

R82-20 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Anderson Engineering, Inc. for the design of a replacement bridge on Ridgemont Road over the County House Branch.

R83-20 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Kenneth H. Lemp Elevator Consultant, Inc. for the evaluation of City-owned elevator equipment and the preparation of a request for proposal (RFP) for a comprehensive elevator service and maintenance contract.

R84-20 Authorizing the installation of streetlights on the west side of Edenton Boulevard, north of International Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

R85-20 Reaffirming the commitment of the City to values of equity, fairness, inclusion and justice in the provision of city services in the wake of COVID-19.

(Action: At the June 15, 2020 City Council meeting, Council member Skala requested a resolution be prepared for Council consideration to state the commitment of the City to values of equity, fairness, inclusion and justice in the provision of city services in the wake of COVID-19. This is part of the National League of Cities (NLC) Race Equity and Leadership (REAL) initiative which is dedicated to helping local leaders understand and gain the tools necessary to combat racial disparities in their communities.)

A public hearing was opened and no one from the public came forward.

Trapp said he would gladly support this measure and believed this addresses the needs of people who are always left behind. We need to help people move out of bad situations and continue to look at every policy level until we meet that goal.

The resolution was approved unanimously.)

R86-20 Approving Amendment #3 to the FY 2019 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan to allocate Round 1 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

(Action: The City of Columbia has been awarded \$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. The legislation calls for \$5 billion in CDBG-CV funding to be allocated in 3 rounds.

So far, HUD has allocated Round 1 and 2. Round 1 will provide \$573,473 to the City of Columbia to be allocated to needs arising from the impacts of COVID-19. Round 2 has provided \$17,913,300 in CDBG-CV funds to the state of Missouri. The federal legislation does allow these funds flowing through the state to be allocated to entitlement jurisdictions such as the City of Columbia, however the State is still determining the allocation process and timeline.

HUD has encouraged communities to gain public input regarding the use of these funds and city staff has conducted multiple outreach activities during the summer. Common themes included a concern for rent/mortgage/utility assistance, homeless populations, low income families and children, local small businesses and local minority owned businesses. All priorities ranked high, but priorities were identified as follows in rank order:

1. Financial support for workforce and LMI households (rent, mortgage, utilities).
2. Loans and financial assistance to local small businesses to retain/create jobs.
3. Addressing the immediate health crisis.
4. Operational capacity to local non-profits to meet increased demand.

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.

HCDC funding recommendations to Council for use of CDBG-CV Round 1 are as follows:

- \$270,000 Rent and Mortgage Assistance
- \$175,00 Micro-Enterprise Program
- \$70,000: Public Services to Address Homelessness: Shelter, Isolation and Quarantine, PPE and Operational Support
- \$58,473: Planning and Administration Costs Allowed Under CDBG-CV

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker asked about this funding and wanted to know how this was allocated. It seemed as though there was a window of time and that early applicants were told that the early money was gone. She hopes that people will look at some of the early applicants and would like to know if those people will be given consideration. I hope that in the second round we will watch that. The Mayor said he shared that concern.

The next speaker said she believed that the city is not very good about outreach to minorities in this town. We need to not always count on access to the internet. Think more deeply about how to outreach to the minority community. Those businesses are not here tonight. That suggests to me that something

is wrong. It is not appropriate for you to make them come to you. You need to go to them. The fact that those people are not here means that you didn't catch them.

Staff indicated that on the microloan program they had 5 black ministers and about 15 minority owned businesses. We made a good effort to meet them where they were. Mary Ratliff is helping and we have contacted the first 50 businesses on her list. When the next funding is released, we know that these people will be aware. The Mayor asked about the math. If we can accommodate 35 business loans and we get 36, is there a way to weight some over others? Staff said there is an entire system for judging that is fair and that everyone will have an equal chance to apply within an eight hour window, but it won't simply be first-come, first-served. I think we are set up to have a good showing.

There was no further public comment.

Peters asked if they have in fact amended the first-come, first-served basis. Staff said yes. They also found out that the original applicants had personal relationships to know about the original offerings. So, we are expanding contact through those types of lists and it should be better than ever. Fowler said she noted that there would be an 8 hour window for applications. Staff said that they will keep it open for one day or enough time to generate 1.5 times the number of applicants they can serve. Staff said that people can use the resource center and help people file applications even if they don't have personal internet access.

A resolution to approve the funding was approved unanimously.)

B168-20 Establishing the requirement to wear a face mask in certain locations in order to prevent or limit the spread of the COVID-19 disease; authorizing the adoption of further orders for the implementation of the ordinance; and declaring an emergency for enactment.

(Action: The Mayor indicated that he will suggest a few amendments; will suggest a second motion to bypass the need for a second meeting; have a report from legal; have a report from the health department; and after that if everything goes well they will open the public hearing period.

At the request of the Mayor and City Manager, the Law Department has prepared legislation relating to mandatory mask usage. Due to the community spread of the COVID-19 pandemic within the City of Columbia and for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and welfare, this ordinance would be enacted as an emergency ordinance within the meaning of Article II of Section 15 of the Home Rule Charter of the City. If approved, this would go into effect immediately after its passage by six-sevenths (6/7) of the members of the City Council and shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days after the effective date or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by later adopted ordinances.

The major points are:

- Masks must be worn if indoors and outdoors if closer than six feet. This applies to anyone 10 or over.
- Employers must provide masks to employees.
- There is a list of exceptions, including when with your own household, when exercising and when required to remove the mask by law or based on a medical condition or direction.
- The ordinance may be supplemented or extended by order.
- The fine for violation is \$15 for individuals and \$100.00 for business, non-profit or governmental entities.

The Public Health Director added to this presentation and indicated that there has been growing evidence about the effectiveness of masks. She noted that CDC has updated their recommendation to

wear masks and that some studies show it makes economic sense. As of today we have 512 cases. Our positivity rate continues to rise. It is now over 15%. Anything over 1% is socially transmissible. We have a lot of young people going to bars and parties and this is not helping.

Testing has continued to be available here and it has grown. The fact that we have more tests is not the reason we have more cases. It's because we are having higher positive rates. Hospital capacity is currently about 90 to 95%. There are 11 people in hospitals on ventilators, and 6 of those are from Boone County. We need to be careful here. Our contact tracing is falling behind. We have trained 20 so far. We need about 50 more to meet standards and we have never found a suitable place to confine and quarantine and isolate positive cases. Confinement and quarantine means a lot of missed work time. In this county, there are more than 5,000 days of work that have been missed. We need to continue our outreach and education.

Do we do things like this in other areas? Yes, like seatbelts, no smoking in buildings, etc. What about availability of masks? We just received 48,000 masks and have distributed those to social service groups and will have masks available through the health department.

Skala asked how long it takes to train a contact tracer? The Director indicated that people go through a John's Hopkins course and that requires about 6 hours plus additional practice and training. Peters asked if these are volunteers? Staff said yes and they have to sign confidentiality agreements. Fowler asked about exceptions for sick people. The Director indicated that some people will have medical or mental conditions that will prevent the wearing of masks. Those are all exempt and people will not be shamed for using the exemption. What about kids? Staff said this order identifies kids 10 years and older. That is the same as Kansas City and St. Louis. Her personal experience is that even 5 year old kids can successfully wear masks. Fowler asked about exercising No mask is required. Fowler said she noted that students are notorious for not following these kinds of rules. What is the plan for students?

The director indicated that the University will require students to wear masks. Fowler noted that many students are off-campus much of the time. Thomas asked about contact tracing and how you can be a volunteer or a paid tracer. The Director said they don't have funding for tracers right now, so everything is volunteer. Is it true that everyone in this room would have to wear a mask? Staff said that was true. The Mayor asked for clarification. The Director said when people are working by themselves, they are OK. When they move through the building, you put it back on. When you go out to dinner, you wear a mask. When you get your dinner, you can take it off but your table needs to be 6 feet away from others.

In terms of contact tracing, the people who are infected seem to be having more contacts than we saw earlier. Some people have as many as 50 contacts. Some have as few as 3. We have seen examples of hairdressers who wore masks and those cases have had no further infections. Why do we have more infections but stay the same in terms of hospitalization? The Director thought that we are dealing generally with a healthier population and that this could be a lagging indicator, and that could take another 2 weeks to unfold.

Pitzer asked who would be the enforcer? Staff said it would be the Health department and it would be complaint driven. We will make available signs for businesses. This will not be a police department issue. We did have to have the police accompany us earlier on some occupancy cases. Is the city subject to the fine as well? Are we prepared to provide clean masks to our own employees at all times? Where does the money go? Does it go to the municipal court? It goes into the general fund. Pitzer noted that a lot of cases are younger people and crowded spaces. Are you taking any stricter stance on those kinds of establishments than others? The Director said they have certainly approached businesses where there

were complaints. We have also found that there were so many people in some places that we had to publicize who they were. Pitzer asked if you could take stricter measures to the worst offenders and ease up on others. What about signing up when you go into a restaurant or bar. Would that help anything? The Director said that some other cities have required that and that that could be helpful if people or businesses could do that. Have you tried any other positive reinforcement first instead of just passing a new rule? Staff said they have been doing more education and normalization of wearing masks as a public service campaign. Might those kinds of things be effective.

Pitzer asked about contact tracing funding. If you had funding would you have the people? Staff said maybe, but she was not sure if they would also have to provide them with computers and other supplies and equipment. Could you be more aggressive if you had some money? The Director said they could. He noted that the county might have some money that could be used for that. It seems as if that is a choke point here so we ought to address that. What is happening is that an employer will get a positive then they will send all of their employees to get tested and we can't do that for free.

What's supposed to happen if someone comes into a business without a mask. Are they supposed to turn them away? Can businesses ask about private medical information. What's the deal? Legal staff said that the ADA coordinator would provide guidance and some questions can be asked. Depending on the size of the business may determine reasonable accommodation. But what if a store manager asks someone to wear a mask and they say they can't then that's the end of the conversation? Legal staff said yes.

Skala asked about the dual responsibility of the director in the city and county. Skala said he assumed you worked with the schools and University. What about the county? What about the schools. The Director said we have worked with all school districts in the county and the University of Missouri and they do have a contact tracing team in place. The Mayor asked about the definition of facemasks and face shields? The Director said sometimes that will be OK, but the CDC has not come out in favor of the face shield. What about the plexiglass barriers at the stores? Do those not work? The director said those are good since the holes are at base level, but they are not the same as masks. What about I am shopping for a car out in the parking lot. Wear a mask. No, but when you come in probably.

Some amendments were suggested. Legal staff went through the current list of exemptions. She noted that there is no conflict between gun laws, conceal and carry or other state laws like banking facility or federal facility rules. Airport security is a good example of federal laws that could impact the requirement to wear a mask. The Mayor then noted that the information they have now is different than what they had back in May. Do we want to give the Director the discretion to change these rules as we go forward for the next 90 days. Legal said that the director can provide interpretation if you grant some authority to do so. The mayor thought an amendment may need to be made in this regard to clarify how such a change could occur.

Some of the amendments could include:

1. An amendment that would not conflict with other rules by federal state or other institutions like hospitals or universities etc. and would prevent us from weakening their rules.

This could be repealed before 90 days if repealed by the city council. However, it could be extended without action by the council if the Health Director wanted to.

2. Eliminate ambiguity in Section 4 about wearing a mask in public or PRIVATE settings. The amendment could simply require a mask anytime you are not social distancing and not exclusively in the presence of your own family.

3. Would make you exempt from the rule in a private home unless you are in multi-family housing
4. In a business or commercial setting, it's not just in a static situation. It would allow a person to travel about a business setting as long as you can maintain social distancing.
5. Do away with the requirement for employers to provide masks to employees.
6. Delay the effective date until July 10 at 5 PM.
7. Delete the time frame from 90 days to 30 days.
8. Exception for exercising indoors when people can maintain 6 feet social distancing.
9. Not require a face mask in your personal vehicle (not just when you are with close family or friends.)
10. Allow the Health Director to make additions to the list of exemptions and allow businesses to come up with operational plans.

The Mayor made a motion to waive the requirement to hold two separate meetings to pass all of this. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker said she has been involved in health care since 1972 and has work a lot of masks. The rule says cloth masks. She has made several of these herself. She wants to know from the council what materials can or should be used. How long can they be used. What about paper masks? How long? What's considered clean. We were always told don't touch them. Alcohol wipes aren't good. What about bandanas? Is that sufficient? Where are these masks coming from? China? If we make our own, what's the rule?

The next speaker spoke on behalf of Peace Works. They strongly support this measure. This is a tragic situation and it is tearing people apart with more than 130,000 deaths. It is important to take strong measures. Our country is being torn apart. This has been politicized. This is just science. We can all support this. It just makes sense. Our government has failed.

The next speaker taught nuclear and biological warfare defense for DOD and the Federal Government. He has studied this a lot. He found it interesting that the Health Director said some masks wouldn't work because air goes around them. Well, none of them block all the air out. And, if these don't work or if they are being worn incorrectly, they do no good. You are all on camera and you all have worn your masks incorrectly. Don't use your authority incorrectly.

The next speaker talked about individuals who were already sick and wanted to thank the council for taking early proactive steps. She is an old surgical nurse. She wore a mask a lot of the time. You still can't enter the OR without a mask that you wore all day long. I know there are some pros and cons. I heard all the amendments. I think they are watering this down. If the University is going to require this and if the University and the hospitals are in Columbia, let's require it everywhere. Make it happen, OK? You can keep us all safe by doing this. People say they have the right to do whatever they want to do. Well, we don't smoke. We do the no shoes, no shirt, no service thing. My grandchildren do not need to be subjected to somebody else's disease. The NAACP took a position of support for this rule.

The speaker said she is a parent, teacher and business owner. She worries daily about the mental health of her students and the physical and financial health of her family. She appreciates the facts that are shared by the Health Department. We are not seeing voluntary participation by local people in wearing

masks. So, it's time to require it. In her business, they do sanitizing and they all wear masks. They do it seamlessly. We have had a very positive reception to the fact that we wear masks and take proactive safety measures. Finally, I am speaking on behalf of 36 local businesses that support this like Shakespeare's and Broadway Diner, Yellow Dig Books, Proper Cat Café, and others. Now is the time for bold action. Now is the time to be bold.

The next speaker asked if you believe in self-government. It is my personal responsibility to wear masks and use social distancing. I want to see positive reinforcement. Why not pay me \$15 to wear masks or give us tax breaks for doing it right. It's not your job to make me do it and I think we should see more of it. Do we have faith in our neighbors or not? It's hard, but we don't need one more thing to divide us.

The next speaker said he has lived here about 10 years. He goes out about 4 times a week. He saw one guy and asked why he was wearing a mask. He said because the law passed. He said it hadn't, so the guy took it off. I am not concerned about wearing a mask. I am far enough away from people. I don't want to go back to the shut down again. I think we should do this. It's a good idea.

The next speaker addressed the idea of exercise exemptions. What is your threshold for oxygen levels during exercise? Last time I checked this is a free country. We have abortions, and we are messing with trivial stuff like this? What's going on? Stand together and oppose this. We need light in this darkness. Why not decriminalize marijuana and get that 2% out of there and then tax it. We can solve this instead of just doing trivial things. The CDC should not be trusted. The CDC is run by Bill Gates. There is so much misinformation about this. Judge for yourselves. It's a free country. Why pass a law to oppose a mob that is run by George Soros who is really a Nazi? Enforced sterilization is a joke and no one wants to get their hands dirty; and if there is corruption then we should address that. Oh man. Why are churches closed? It's based on your connectivity with God anyway. Does that make sense? Don't fear things. It says that in the Bible. Choose what you want. It's life. If you want to smoke marijuana, who cares. This is a f...king joke. What about Fauci and the vaccine. What about Nuremberg and Hillary Clinton. That is what we should be focused on.

The next speaker said he is not against masks generally. He just does not think it should be mandated. All the businesses that support this have the ability to do this right now. Let them go ahead. But don't make me do it. I fought for the right the right to give us the choice.

Another speaker indicated he has three businesses. He is not opposed to the recommendation but he is opposed to the mandate. He thinks it is health theater. He does not think it does much, but it might make some people feel better and that they are doing their part. In my store, most of my customers don't want to comply with this rule. I have trouble with the concept of making customers do something that I don't agree with in the first place. Now I am an enforcer for something I don't even believe in.

The next speaker indicated that he thought a lot of people are scared about this whole thing. He thinks that is because the media has inflated the situation. I don't think you should mandate this. I don't think you understand what 50% rollback in business is really going to look like. What really hurts me the most was the questions that were asked about enforcement weren't really answered. This is just going to further divide us. There are too many questions. Is this just to make us feel better. I didn't wear a mask here tonight because I just Can't breathe well. I am open to more education. I think you are going to do more contact tracing. I think that is unconstitutional. I think you need to go sleep on this and think about what you are going to do on this. I don't think you know what the repercussions of this are going to be.

Nobody wears these things correctly. Some things are masks, others are not. I think you will vote yes because you just like more power.

The next speaker said she does not believe that masks are the most efficient, but she is supportive of this, partly for the symbolism of it. It reminds me that we do have a problem and it helps me take it seriously. Some people in East Campus party all the time. I see people bar hopping. I see people go to other homes and then leave and nobody is wearing a mask. I saw someone have a seizure at the bar and no one, even the bartender was wearing a mask. What the real problem here is a bunch of people who don't like being told what to do by the government. We have seat belts, smoking laws, etc. this is not a permanent thing. This is only until we find a vaccine. And I know some anti-maskers are also anti-vaccinators, but we will deal with that another day. We dropped the ball. We could have done this better if we would have started earlier. But we didn't. We weren't responsible. So now, we need to do something right.

We know that masks can save lives. So, the question should be, are you willing to sign a health waiver that you don't want medical intervention if you get COVID-19. We had a scare with a grandchild. Kids can go from just not feeling good to fighting for their lives. It can turn on a dime.

The next speaker is on a contact tracing committee and is a longtime public health nurse. First, she wants to say that the health department staff are unsung heroes. We are looking at a big uptick in cases. We are finding volunteers. Most of the cases we talk to are in their 20s. Most are terrified of what is happening. There are some kids who can have as many as 50 or 60 contacts. I think this ordinance would be a good kick in the pants for social norming. Be clear. The escalating numbers are young people, but that bubble will burst. They will carry this home to their parents. They will wait on tables of older people. We need to turn this bus around.

The next speaker made a poster about this issue and wants to open it at the end of her presentation. Looking around this room, very few of us thought we would be making decisions about our health. It is almost unimaginable. This is a very important decision. I have worked in public health for 40 years. Two weeks ago, I wondered where I can move to find a safer place if I sell my house. Because of this, several of us drafted a petition to support the city council in making a positive decision. In 8 days 3,000 signed that petition. There is broad support for this. To successfully open our community people need to feel safe. I felt safer going to a Black Lives Matter protest than I did going to Wal mart. However, I have seen people at the grocery store doing it right. I think we should do this and create a positive experience and help us all feel safe. I want to stay here safely. (She then displayed a giant poster.)

The next speaker associated her remarks with the previous speaker and added that she wants the students to see our commitment to safety when they come back. Not wearing a mask is like drunk driving. It may not kill you, but you might kill someone else. With masks we can avoid another lockdown.

The next person voiced opposition to the new rules. He works in a place that mandates using masks. However, most people don't always wear them correctly. They wear them with their nose exposed or just hanging around their neck or they just wear it part ways. I hope this is not just being done to virtue signal that we are a great place for that. I cherish my rights. I am worried that we have government overreach here. Other than that, I remember watching the news on Memorial Day and I kind of related to it because we all felt like we were corked in a bottle. If we do this, eventually, people just won't listen anymore.

The next speaker said we are not recreating the wheel, we are replicating the wheel. We already have 31 states with cities that have some local ordinances requiring masks. This is legal, it is healthy and it is good. We are doing what other people have done well. Today she interviewed someone from Colorado who has renewed a local mask ordinance 4 times now. For us to be able to feel safe, we want and need to be protected by a mask. We need to have faith in going out. We need to have continued economic confidence. You can buy these masks locally and a lot of cottage industries are making them. In schools, masks will be required, and the age restriction is about right.

The next speaker represented the local Chamber of Commerce. He indicated that they have concerns about the current bill. One of their main points was the implementation process. Every time there has been a new order put in place, we have requested and have been granted a period of time to implement the new rule. If you decide to move forward, we want you to take this into consideration and give us time. We also have a concern over enforcement. Who is it? Does it fall on the shoulders of the business community? We are afraid that this could cause undue burdens and unknown liability. We need a clear line to the health department. There needs to be an appeal process. If we are dealing with people who won't or can't wear masks, we have to be able to defend that. We understand why you are doing this, but it all needs to be clear and easily enforceable.

The next speaker noted that we are once again speaking about the coronavirus. We are talking masks, but what kind of masks? We are not educated enough to know all of this. I am disabled, but there are some things I can do. Why doesn't the health department issue a card that says you don't need a mask. That way there is no big fight about it and not just someone who doesn't want to wear one. He now found out that they are doing dental rinses with hydrogen peroxide and he thinks that would help with cleanliness. Some businesses have made huge improvements, but we have no idea if every employee who was in a place before us was clean.

The next speaker has a young massage business. She makes her own masks. She knows they are not 100% safe, but they do help. If I am going to be close to someone else, I think it makes sense to try to do this right. It is compassionate and thoughtful. I support it. Japan understands this as a culture. That seems really common sense. Thank you for looking at everyone's concerns. I would like to see this passed.

The next speaker said that fear is a great motivator. Right now, a lot of people are afraid, but the statistics don't prove that this is as bad as it was originally thought it could be. Only 10% test positive and very few have died, particularly here. I want to focus on the enforcement section. This says that a person who is convicted has to pay a fine. First, is this a misdemeanor or what. Does this go before a judge? How does this work? Some of the amendments don't seem well thought out. If you are going to do this, table it and secure the ordinance so we all understand what is going to happen in terms of compliance and enforcement. Personally, I am against it. There are a myriad of people who are against it. We have brought up a lot of issues against this. Especially, the efficacy of this. This 6 foot rule is an arbitrary rule. A cough can travel 6 meters. A sneeze can travel 8 meters.

The next speaker thinks that faith is a greater motivator than fear and he hopes that they pass this to help our community.

The next speaker lives near city hall. He is a licensed physician. He has served as two years of chair of medicine at his hospital. He strongly supports this. He has looked at other models and believes that the use of masks, social distancing, cleanliness and contact tracing combined help keep us safe. We are a

capitalistic society. We need this to help us. This is not 100% effective, but it is better than nothing. I think you will make the best decision on this.

The next speaker spoke in support of the new rules. She believes that there is a lot of misinformation out there. She thinks the science behind this is solid and supports that.

The next speaker said she is an at risk person, but she opposes this requirement. She is not against anyone else wearing a mask, but she does not want the mandate. She said her doctor recommends not wearing a mask. She does her shopping on Amazon and through grocery delivery. She has been exposed to the virus and did not catch it. She worries about the impacts it will have on business. She thinks it is too much.

The next speaker said that the doctor and his wife made good points. She has two grandkids. One is very healthy, the other has some problems. We know that masks do block some emissions. Anybody doing any kind of research knows this. The schools are going to implement masks. The bus companies can't maintain social distancing on buses. Business owners may not want to tell customers to wear a mask, but just tell them you don't like it but that's the rules. If we don't have an ordinance here, how are we going to know that we are trying to reinforce this at home. I would ask that we think broadly about how to protect the community.

The next speaker supports this idea. She has extreme asthma. She has worn her mask all day long. Her job includes child home visits. Masks work. We do know that. We have been a leader in this regard and we need to continue to keep us from becoming a hot spot. When we are given leadership, we can model the best kinds of behaviors. We need to be the adults in the room and take one for the team. Don't let this become a negative. We are in this together. It's not just people with kids or just businesses – it's everybody. Pass this ordinance.

The last speaker said that she knows that anecdotes are not evidence, but some anecdotes can make a point. Lots of people who have testified about this are worried about their loved ones. What are the people who are opposing this thinking? Are they saying they don't like their loved ones enough to them? I have gathered that the majority of dissenters against this have been male and the majority of people who are for this are female. The women disagree with the idea that this infringes on your rights. We know what laws that infringe on your bodily rights is really all about. This is a very minor thing you can do. Let's pass this.

There were 75 emails in support, 6 emails opposed, 5 emails asking questions and some phone messages. The public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve Amendment 2 was made.

The amendment passed unanimously without discussion.

Thomas asked if this was a civil or criminal infringement? It all goes through civil court and it is a civil infraction. What's the liability for a business when a customer enters a business and refuses to wear a mask.? Could they be fined? Legal staff said if they are doing what they can they won't be fined. If it becomes a problem, call 911. Is there a public awareness campaign planned by the health department in this regard? The health director said they have social media people working on this.

Peters asked about what kind of masks work. 2 ply cloth masks are good. Some people will try bandanas. They can be pretty light.

Trapp offered Amendment 4, which allows you not wear a mask if you maintain social distance.
The amendment passed unanimously.

Amendment 3 was moved. This would change the rule regarding private homes. Trapp said he would oppose this one.

The amendment was defeated 4 to 3.

Pitzer asked for Amendment 9 regarding travel in personal vehicles.

The amendment was adopted 5 to 2.

Peters offered Amendment 8 dealing with exercise if 6 feet of social distance is maintained.

The amendment was approved unanimously.

Pitzer asked to strike section 5 regarding the requirement of employers to provide clean masks to employees.

No action was taken.

Amendment 1 was moved and exempts Boone County, the State and the University from having to adopt our rules. This recognizes the jurisdictional authority of the state and extends that to the county building within the city of Columbia. It is primarily for clarity.

The amendment was approved unanimously.

Amendment 7 which would change this action to a limit of 30 days was moved by Thomas. Fowler said she will oppose this and wants this to be in place on the day the students come back to Columbia. She wants the students back and good rules in place when they arrive so we can keep our businesses open. If we don't need it, we can revoke it. Skala said he agreed with Fowler. He thinks it should remain at 90 days. The Mayor said less than 90 days doesn't work well in terms of all the other dates, particularly if we delay implementation

Amendment 10 was moved by the Mayor to allow the director some leeway in establishing additional authority for following the new rules.

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

Amendment 6 was moved by the Mayor to extend the date for implementation until July 10 at 5PM.

The amendment was adopted 6 to 1, with Skala voting NO.

Peters noted that she was traveling last week and noted that in some states, the ordinances required businesses to provide masks to customers who did not have one. Skala said he has received hundreds of emails on this topic. He has done medical research in his past career and has been engaged in sterile surgery. It can be cumbersome, but you can get used to this kind of protection. A recent Forbes article addressed the issue of effectiveness. Forbes reported that wearing masks is useful; 21 states have rules about it and in most the rules have been in place for 30 days. States without mask rules average 4 times higher infection rate increases than states with mask ordinances in place. He also noted that social distancing is important and this goes along with that well. Skala will support this.

Pitzer said that he thinks the three ideas that we get from the health department are important. He tries to model masking. He appreciates Fowler's company adopting the use of masks. He hopes that the health department continues to reach out to all businesses to follow all prongs of our good advice. If it came to it, I would be all for enforcing this against establishments that have become hotspots. He noted that our problems are really on contact tracing, not hospitalizations. There is \$23 million sitting in the county and we need to use some of that money to ramp up tracing. I have noticed that city employees have been modeling mask behavior, and I think we have a responsibility to lead by example. However, I think the in-home mandate is an overreach. I think 90 days is too long. I think we need to take shorter steps. I will be stunned if we decide to rescind this order early because we will all be busy with the budget at that time. I think more incentive -based actions would be better. You catch more flies with honey. Let's do this on a long-lasting basis. We need an approach that changes norms over the long term. This is not going away. I don't know how much of an appetite there will be to do more in the long term. I am not sure I can support this.

The Mayor said he thinks this will make our city more attractive. It levels the playing field. It gives confidence to our kids when they are returning to school. Let's wear a mask.

The motion was made to pass the bill as amended.

**The bill was approved by a vote of 6 to 1, which was a sufficient majority for emergency passage.
Pitzer was the only NO vote.)**

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as presented.)

B151-20 Repealing Section 4 of Ordinance No. 024211 to lift the temporary waiver relating to the payment of transportation fares.

B152-20** Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Coats Street and North Boulevard (1206 Coats Street) from District PD (Planned Development) to District M-C (Mixed Use Commercial) (Case No. 99-2020).

B153-20** Rezoning the A. Perry Philips Park property located on the northeast corner of Gans Road and Bristol Lake Parkway from District PD (Planned Development) to District O (Open Space) (Case No. 113-2020).

B154-20** Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed PD Plan Major Amendment #2 for Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 4 located on the northwest corner of Nocona Parkway and Briarmont Avenue to allow a lot line to bisect an existing structure (i.e., parking lot) (Case No. 114-2020).

B155-20** Approving PD Plan Major Amendment #2 for "Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 4" located on the northwest corner of Nocona Parkway and Briarmont Avenue (Case No. 114-2020).

B156-20* Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Battle Crossing - Plat 1 located on the southwest corner of Clark Lane and Lake of the Wood Road to allow a lot line to bisect an existing structure (i.e., parking lot) (Case No. 85-2020).

B157-20* Approving the Final Plat of "Battle Crossing - Plat 1" located on the southwest corner of Clark Lane and Lake of the Woods Road; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 85-2020).

B158-20* Approving the Final Plat of "On The Ninth At Old Hawthorne, Plat No. 2" located on the east side of Old Hawthorne Drive West and approximately 1,300 feet north of Route WW; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 107-2020).

B159-20* Vacating a sanitary sewer easement on Lot D2 within On the Ninth at Old Hawthorne Plat No. 1 located on the east side of Old Hawthorne Drive West and approximately 1,300 feet north of Route WW (Case No. 115-2020).

B160-20* Approving the Final Plat of "The Gates, Plat No. 5" located south of Old Plank Road and west of Rivington Drive; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 108-2020).

B161-20* Authorizing a financial assistance agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the North Central Columbia Historic Survey - Phase III; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B162-20* Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking on portions of Bradington Drive, Bristol Lake Drive, Bristol Lake Parkway and Gans Road.

B163-20* Authorizing an agreement for professional architectural services with Simon Oswald Associates, Inc. for proposed building modifications of publicly accessed services within the City Hall Building to create a "Customer Experience Center" and recycling chute; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

B164-20* Authorizing a cooperative agreement with Boone County Family Resources for additional funding for the Parks and Recreation Department's Career Awareness Related Experience (CARE) Program for youth employment placement and mentoring services.

B165-20* Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds received from miscellaneous revenue, donations and a grant to provide funding for various Parks and Recreation Department projects.

B166-20* Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for the purchase of replacement communications equipment.

[Intro & 1st Read/Mayor Memo] Recommended Action:

B167-20* Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating Share the Light Program funds for the purchase of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to be distributed to low income residents.

REPORTS

REP36-20 FY 2021 Annual Budget - Downtown Community Improvement District.

(Action: The Downtown CID has submitted its annual budget for review by the city council. They have noted that the budget submitted takes into account potential impacts to business revenues in the district for the coming year. If projections end up being better than the current forecast, the district has identified additional projects which it would plan to undertake and fund during the next year.)

This was accepted without comment.)

REP37-20 FY 2021 Annual Budget - Business Loop Community Improvement District.

(Action: The Business Loop CID has submitted its annual budget for review by the city council. They have noted that COVID-19 is expected to have an ongoing impact on the proposed budget and have indicated that some projects may be on hold until steady funding can be assured. The new budget is available for public review on the CID website.)

This was accepted without comment.)

GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Public

The next speaker indicated that he has been involved in some of the Black Lives Matters marches. He noted that during one gathering they saw four cop cars. They followed and saw someone with guns on his rib area and various weapons trained on him by the police. There seemed to be no de-escalation moves by the police for this potentially suicidal individual. He left, but one of the police said to him that he did not know what they would have done if this young man had not been there. This young man said

you should not put that kind of responsibility on a young person. The police need to do better. I know you care. We march every day. If you want to talk, I will be out there at 5 every day.

Another speaker said he wanted to talk about the COVID-19 virus, and he has so much information that it is impossible to keep track of it and maybe we should review this every 30 days. And guess what. Now, you are going to have a bathroom issue in your alleys because homeless people are not going to be allowed in a business and you did not think this through. You looked at pennies instead of dollars.

The next speaker thanked the council for making some tough decisions. He invited the council to come visit marchers at the courthouse every night at 6 PM.

Council

Peters understood that the police are changing their stop criteria and would like a report on how that is going and would like to see if it results in a different set of data and types of stops.

Thomas said there had been some discussion about a town hall meeting regarding policing and it will require some real fact-finding beforehand. There are numerous groups that need to be contacted and included and this seems to have started, but it is difficult to do with limitations on meetings.

The Mayor noted that he had 4 general comment messages including systemic racism and asking to cut ties with Dale Roberts and to reallocated police funds. He then mentioned that a lot of families are hurting right now and that last Saturday night there was a senseless shooting that occurred here, and we need to reach out as best we can when we can.

Trapp thought bus riders might be a good place for mask distribution.

Staff
(None.)

ADJOURNMENT
(Time: 12:08 PM)

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