



**Columbia City Council Meeting Recap
(Budget Hearing - Part 3)
Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall
7:00 PM
September 21, 2020**

(SPECIAL NOTICE ATTACHED TO THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21 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, Fowler, Pitzer, Skala, Peters, Thomas, Trapp)

(Absent: None.)

Approval of Minutes

(Minutes from August 16, 2020 were approved as submitted.)

Adjustment of Agenda

(B243-20 moved from Consent to Old Business and R113-20 moved to New Business.)

SPECIAL ITEMS

SI13-20 COVID-19 Update.

(Action: The Health Director gave an update on statistics relating to COVID-19. Most major indicators were showing a declining trend line, but showed a very proportion of 18 – 22 year-olds who were being found to have contracted. Direct contact has been the mode of transmission most prevalent in terms of the spread for the coronavirus. We are catching up on our contact tracing and we are within 2.8 days of the mean in terms of contact.

Fowler asked if interviews also indicate intervention where after an identification has been made? Browning said that upon interview completion, we immediately proceed to expanded network interviews. Demand for testing has declined significantly. Hospitalizations have increased. Today, there are 51. People who require an ICU bed is 21. 11 of those need a ventilator. The majority of hospitalizations in our hospitals continue to be from out of county.

The assistant director talked about the positivity rate. In the previous 10 days we reported 44%. That seemed remarkably high. We discovered that the numbers were not reported accurately. We were advised of that major error on September 3 and so we suspended our reporting until we were convinced that the numbers they were reporting out were accurate. The new rate went from 44% to just 8% positivity. We now change the timing of our reports and because we don't always have complete data by the end of any one work week, we do publish a preliminary rate with the caveat that the numbers may change. You should also know that the state has switched over from an archaic system of disease data collection, and unfortunately, they did that right in the middle of this pandemic. Also, please remember that we may talk about the positivity rate a lot, but it is not the only metric we consider when making policy.

Fowler asked if the staff thought people have come to the conclusion that testing is hard to get and that it could cost you time and money? Staff said that is a valid concern and they would like to increase the number of people who would be tested.

Regarding the new Health Order. We looked at our overall capacity and data and we made the determination that we could allow bars and restaurants to stay open as long as 10:30 PM and that there was no reason to cut off alcohol sales at 9:00 PM. We don't need to be telling the bars when to set last call. If you do not follow these rules you are in violation of the food code and we can suspend your license. The Chamber has asked repeatedly to give 5-day's notice of all changes. We couldn't do that this time. The bars think it is safer at their establishments than at off campus parties. Browning said she is not sure about that and most bars would stay open until midnight if they could. Every bar knows that there are some bad players in the mix. Each time we issue a suspension, we get a little notice and we think we will get better compliance. The Mayor asked about the next set of milestones? Browning said it will be the same data sets – just changes in what the data shows. Browning noted that the top ten counties in terms of new cases are all rural counties – not urban. Pitzer asked if they have a plan for administration of a vaccine once it is developed?

Pitzer asked about Halloween. Browning said they will encourage trunk or treat and other safe modes of candy distribution. Peters asked about flu season and poor decisions. She thinks the longer you drink, the worse your decisions become. She thinks parties of 20 people or less in East Campus might be better than packing the bars until midnight. Browning said the flu season plans are underway, but it is difficult because we often go through the schools and they are not in session. The number of flu cases already reported this year is lower, probably because we are wearing masks and social distancing. Skala asked about prioritization of flu vaccine once developed. Browning said she believes it will go to first responders first and then to further distribution.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BC8-20 Board and Commission Applicants.

Board of Adjustment – Jefferson Crew

Broadband Business Planning Task Force – Sarah Low

City of Columbia New Century Fund Inc. Board – Keri Gilbert, Tish Johnson, Robert Nolte
(General); Readvertise (CPA/Attorney/Trust Officer)

Columbia Housing Authority Board – (No appointment made.)

Convention and Visitors Bureau – Barth Burgin, Aric Jarvis, Eric Lawson, Teri Weiss
(Owner/Operator); Joan Beard, Scott Cristal, Heather Hargrove (General)

Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health – Sean Nevills

Personnel Advisory Board – Jerome Rader (2 vacancies/Readvertise)

Public Transit Advisory Commission – Amanda Lewis (2 vacancies/Readvertise)

Substance Abuse Advisory Commission – Chastity Haxton

Tax Increment Financing Commission – (4 vacancies) (No appointment made/Readvertise)

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

SPC54-20 Sterling Brown - People's Defense positions on various topics.

(Action: Did not appear as scheduled.)

SPC55-20 Kate Kelley - Defunding white supremacy in Columbia.

(Action: Did not appear as scheduled.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH30-20 FY 2021 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

(Continued from the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting.) [See B210-20)

(Action: Discussion about procedure ensued. The public hearing will be opened after staff reports are made. Council can ask questions during staff reports.

The city manager began the staff reports and outlined the priorities of this year's budget. Total revenues just a little of \$416 million. A description of each amendment was provided.

(See amendment sheet – [LINK TO AMENDMENT SHEET.](#))

(As in past CityWatch budget reports, we have included the latest amendment sheet in this recap and show action on each submitted item. We do this for clarity and ease of use. Other testimony on the budget is reported in regular narrative format.)

Discussion shifted to how CARES Act funding was being used for transportation projects and how that was embedded in this year budget calculations. This kind of money was not available last year. We have moved this money to various accounts during the budget process, so right now, it has ended up in Amendments 11 and 12 on the Amendment Sheet. Peters asked how we offset the \$1.7 million since it looks like we have a net loss in one area of that amount. Staff indicated that Amendment 13 moves part of that money to the operating side and some of the other money comes within an extended spending time frame so it will show up in the 2022 budget.

Randy Cole appeared and explained that the council had approved \$50,000 for use in the housing program but it won't be spent until Spring of 2021 so it appears in this next budget. Cole explained that the Housing Commission supported a variety of new projects in both the CDBG and HOMES programs. There are more rehab projects than before and more joint programs with other non-profits and groups. Peters asked for a copy of his entire report.

The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker urged the adoption of changes to the current trash collection system. He thinks the proposals put forward by the staff are smart.

Written comments included one that opposed the new trash proposals calculated that the use of just a few bags more per week would increase actual rates by 30 to 50%.

Another written comment opposed the new trash rules.

The next speaker addressed the issue of having temporary workers working on a truck and that it makes some of the regular workers ineligible for the pay bump. He also addressed the issue of mechanics who need the time and tools to be able to fix the trucks when they come in. He said that people set out couches, tread mills, full trees – and we have some big guys but we can't handle that. Look, we pick up trash and recycle. It is a brutal job. I am working hard and I have a family to support. These young guys need help too. We pick up king size mattresses filled with sleet and snow. We need a raise for drivers just like the pickers. We are in and out of the truck all day helping out. Another person in this group of speakers said Glascock said they couldn't have a raise because they would have to give one to everyone else. Well, then, we need to fix that. Let's talk about the growth of Columbia. When you come to Columbia, you pretty much see the main places. There is some buildup of trash there. There are some nice parts of Columbia. Right now, we are in the hole. We need to figure out a way, together, to maintain our jobs because people don't want to see trash.

One written comment believes that water and sewer collection fees should be charged each time reconnections are made and that a \$10 per day capacity charge should be imposed.

The next speaker represented the mechanics. Each of us have thought about the coronavirus. We are asking to just leave our insurance alone this year. Don't mess with it. We work in the back of trucks and they are a mess. The buses are not always sanitized. Sometimes we are working on vehicles on the side of busy roads. We are asking for a \$200 increase in our tool allowance. Last week I talked to tool dealers. He gave examples of increases in tool prices. The Mayor asked if any of these things were brought up in the collective bargaining negotiations. The speaker said he did not know.

A written public comment indicated that she supported the reinstatement of curbside recycling.

The next speaker represents the North Central neighborhood. They support the proposed amendments to increase pay and protect the trash workers and supports a small, flat fee increase to fund such pay increases.

The next speaker said he knows they are trying to solve the trash problem. If the truck is broken down, that represents increased liability and you don't want that affecting your insurance. Tow the truck back to the shop to fix it.

The next speaker spoke on behalf of CAT TV. They just did their first successful live stream. They would like the increased funding and have created many private partners who help expand the capability.

The public hearing was closed.

[RETURN TO AMENDMENT SHEET AT THIS TIME](#)

Pitzer moved the adoption of Amendments 10 through 29 to make technical corrections. This motion was approved unanimously.)

Pitzer said they received a letter this morning indicating that the city had just saved significant money based on refunding in the Water & Light department, so if we are showing a loss this year of \$2.5 million and we had a \$4.5 million savings from refunding, will that move us out of the loss category? The Finance Director said it won't move us all the way out of the loss category since there is a time element tied to this. Actually, this is \$3.7 million. Pitzer wants to know if our cash reserves at the end of 2021 will

be better than we thought. The Finance Director said he will work up a report. The Mayor asked us how we can use this to incorporate it into our budget. The Finance Director said they already did that this year.

In general comment, Trapp said this budget was generally balanced, but he also thinks this is a simpler budget, it is more understandable and the process is better. We always get caught in the side shows of small issues, but this was really a lot of good work. He thanked Laura for her service. Glascock thanked Laura as well.

The final vote on this item is reported in B210-20.)

B210-20 Adopting the FY 2021 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

(Continued from the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting.)

[Amendment Sheet dated 9-17-20 \(With notes and Vote Report\)](#)

(Action: The budget was approved unanimously.)

B211-20 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to eliminate transportation fares in FY 2021 for users of the GoCOMO Public Transit System.

(Continued from the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: This item was approved unanimously.)

B232-20 Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code as it relates to personnel policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

(Action: Changes reflect amendments to eliminate the 5% increase to dental coverage. Delta Dental, the city's fully-insured carrier, has granted the city a rate hold for 2021. Rates will not be increased in FY 2021. The amendments also eliminate the proposed reduction in city contributions to health savings accounts under the city's high deductible health plan. Contributions will remain at \$125/month for single coverage and \$250/month for single plus spouse/child(ren)/full family coverage.

Proposed changes, as amended, effective September 20, 2020 include

- General Benefits Increases the city contribution for employee-only medical coverage \$496.14 to \$524.16 per month. The increase covers the 5.6% medical plan premium increase under the self-insured medical plan. City contributions for dependent coverage are also increased.
- Uniform Clothing Allowance and Personal Protective Equipment
- Assistant Police Chief Appeal Rights Removes Deputy Police Chief from this section.
- "Unclassified service" is amended to remove 2 classifications from the unclassified service, Assistant to the City Manager and Civic Relations Officer.

This item was approved unanimously as amended.)

B233-20 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to residential curbside refuse and recycling collection.

(Action: Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to modify residential curbside collection. The modifications proposed are intended to improve working conditions for the collections staff by reducing the potential for large volumes of refuse and large bulky items being placed at the curb for collection. Staff is proposing these modifications to Chapter 22 to address these issues. The major changes to the Code are summarized below:

1. **Section 22-159 (a):** An add pay of \$5.00 per hour for city staff performing the manual collection of residential curbside collection is proposed. This would be an additional expense of

approximately \$354,224 for the 28 positions in curbside collections. The revisions include a rate increase of \$0.85 per month for residences receiving curbside collections to cover this additional proposed expense. This results in the rate going from \$16.52 to \$17.37 per month.

2. Section 22-159 (b): Currently the City provides 50 refuse bags per year to residences receiving curbside collection. Changes to this section will increase the number of bags provided to 104 per year (2 bags per week.) The wording was also changed to include the reference to vouchers being provided similar to Section 22-159.1 (c) for blue recycling bags. This number of refuse bags will allow the average residence to dispose of all refuse in a calendar year. Additional bags will be available in rolls containing 5 bags for \$2.00 per bag.

3. Section 22-159 (i): This section was changed to require all material to be placed in a City provided refuse bag which bears the City logo. Bundles and loose material would no longer be collected.

4. Section 22-159 (k): This section was changed regarding bulky item collection. It requires the collection to be scheduled and establishes a charge of \$21.50 for collection of a single item and \$5.00 for each additional item. It also allows for each residence receiving curbside collection to dispose of one bulky item annually at no additional cost.

5. Section 22-159(n): This changes the charge for collection of major appliances to be \$21.50 for appliances without refrigerant and \$29.00 for items with refrigerant. This makes the collection charge for appliances the same as that proposed for bulky items.

6. Section 22-159 (o): This section was changed to reference the potential to refer violations to the City Prosecutor. In addition, the charges for the City to collect unlawfully placed items was increased to reflect the use of a roll off container, the landfill tip fees and time charges for staff required to load the material into the container, as follows: \$72.15 plus \$55 per ton plus \$1.15 per collection minute with a five minute minimum.

In addition, the Solid Waste Division proposes to **fund an additional Code Enforcement Specialist in the Community Development Department** to address unlawfully placed material and illegal dumping at a cost of approximately \$66,699 annually.

The changes proposed are believed to help in recruiting and retaining collection personnel due to the increase in pay and the improved working conditions with the limitations of material disposal at the curb. Additional anticipated benefits of these changes are: - An estimated reduction in curbside refuse of approximately 6000 tons annually. - An increase in recycling participation resulting in an increase of approximately 2000 ton of recyclable material annually.

This item was approved 5 to 2 with Peters and Pitzer voting NO.)

B234-20 Adopting FY 2021 Classification and Pay Plans; establishing implementation dates of September 20, 2020 and October 1, 2020; providing for salary adjustments for eligible employees.

(Action: The ordinance adopts the City of Columbia Classification and Pay Plan for FY 2021. Changes result from evaluation of positions and reorganization requests by departments, maintenance plan positions reviews, position cuts in the FY 2021 proposed budget, and a change in affiliation of Laborer's International Union of North America from Local 773 to Local 955. Changes are effective September 20, 2020, and October 1, 2020.

The FY 2021 changes to the Classification and Pay Plan reflect new classifications, closed classifications, classification separations, reassigned classifications, title changes, and union representation changes. No adjustments are proposed to pay range structures for FY 2021.

Changes effective September 20, 2020:

The City is in the eighth year of operating under the classification and compensation policy adopted in FY 2014.

- Maintenance plan – all positions assigned to a pay grade with a midpoint of \$45,000 or less were reviewed
- One (1) classification with significant recruitment issues was reviewed • Eight (8) positions recommended for upward reassignment
- One (1) position recommended for downward reassignment
- Ten (10) positions included in classification separations
- Two (2) classifications recommended for pay grade upgrade

In addition, all classifications represented by Laborers' International Union of North America have been revised to reflect the change of affiliation from Local 773 to Local 955.

Changes effective October 1, 2020:

This change removes five (5) classifications that are eliminated because of positions cut in the FY 2021 budget. Current employees in the positions will remain employed through September 30, 2020.

This item was approved unanimously.)

B235-20 Establishing plan year 2021 active employee medical premium rates, active employee and retiree dental premium rates, and non-Medicare medical rates for the City of Columbia; providing for payroll withholdings.

(Action: Changes reflect amendments to eliminate the 5% increase to dental coverage. Delta Dental, the city's fully-insured carrier, has granted the city a rate hold for 2021. Rates will not be increased in FY 2021.

The amendments also eliminate the proposed reduction in city contributions to health savings accounts under the city's high deductible health plan. Contributions will remain at \$125/month for single coverage and \$250/month for single plus spouse/child(ren)/full family coverage. Employee and dependent health gross premium rates will increase 5.6% in plan year 2021 (effective January 1, 2021).

Plan year 2021 plan details:

- The City will continue to pay the full cost of employee health insurance premiums in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP).
- The deductible amount in the HDHP will not increase in 2021 (\$2,800 single/\$5,600 family).
- Employees enrolled in the \$750 and \$1,500 deductible PPO plans will continue to pay a portion of their health insurance premiums.
- The \$750 deductible PPO plan remains closed to all new enrollments (closed as of January 1, 2017). Employees and retirees currently enrolled in the \$750 deductible PPO may stay in that plan, but once they leave, they cannot return. Current employees and retirees enrolled in the \$1500 deductible PPO plan and HDHP for plan year 2020 will not be allowed to enroll in the \$750 deductible PPO plan during open enrollment for plan year 2021.
- City contributions to Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) under the HDHP will continue at \$125/month for employee-only coverage, and \$250/month for family coverage. (The definition of family coverage includes Employee and Spouse, Employee and Child(ren), and Full Family.)
- No plan design changes will be made in plan year 2021 under the medical or prescription drug plans.

- Pre-65 non-Medicare retiree health premium rates will increase 5.6% in plan year 2021. Pre-65 retirees pay the full premium cost for the plan chosen.
- Post-65 retiree health premium rates are expected to reflect a general premium increase under the fully insured plan.

Dental rates will not increase for active employees and retirees in 2021 (effective January 1, 2021). The City will continue to pay the full cost of employee dental insurance premiums. 2021 rates are attached. Plan changes are effective January 1, 2021.

The amendment sheet was adopted.

The motion, as amended was approved unanimously.)

PH31-20 Proposed Phase I construction of the Perche Creek Trail, from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road, to include construction of a 10-foot wide concrete trail, a bridge over the Perche Creek and a small trailhead on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road.

[See B247-20/Mayor Memo]

(Action: The 1.2 mile concrete trail project was identified in the 2015 Park Sales Tax ballot and includes a budget of \$1,200,000. The phase I portion of the Perche Creek Trail will intersect with the MKT Trail at the 3.0 mile marker and proceed north through City of Columbia property to Hunt Road. The trail will utilize abandoned portions of Hunt Road and Coats Lane until intersecting with Gillespie Bridge Road. The design and construction of the trail is scheduled to begin fall 2020, with an anticipated completion date of late fall 2021.

The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing division and include a combination of contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for the design and construction of the bridge over the Perche Creek, site grading and concrete installation. Park staff will complete necessary landscaping and miscellaneous improvements such as signs, bike racks, etc. Through separate legislation, staff will be requesting Council permission for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Crockett Engineering Consultants for engineering services for the design of the trail.

The construction of the Perche Creek Trail was included in the 2013 Trails Plan, as part of the 2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. The proposed phase I portion of the trail project from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road is identified as a primary trail project for the Department due to the high level of recreational and commuter connectivity and the importance of the trail related to the completion of the 30-mile trail loop throughout Columbia. The development of the trail was included in the list of projects for the 2015 Park Sales Tax renewal after the Department was notified that the County would work with the Department to route the trail on abandoned sections of Hunt Road and Coats Lane.

Crockett Engineering Consultants will be hired to design the trail from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road. The phase I portion of the Perche Creek Trail is 1.2 miles in length and includes a bridge over the Perche Creek. The bridge will be approximately 200 feet in length and staff will bid the bridge as a design/build project after Crockett completes all necessary design and engineering work. The total cost of the contract with Crockett Engineering Consultants is \$81,000.

The construction of the 1.2 mile Perche Creek Trail from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road will include a 10-foot wide concrete trail, one bridge over the Perche Creek and a small trailhead for

pedestrians and bicyclists on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road. The trail project will tie into the proposed Sewer Utilities mitigation bank construction project proposed for the property.

The total cost of the project is \$1,200,000 with funding available in FY2018 (\$180,000), FY2020 (\$520,000) and FY2021 (\$500,000). Park staff has also applied for a \$250,000 Recreation Trails Program Grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for additional funding for the trail project. Park staff has had a pre-award site visit with Missouri State Parks staff regarding the grant application.

Pitzer asked if they were going to delay building the connector to Chapel Hill Road. If it ends at Gillespie Bridge Road, that is not a very pedestrian-friendly area. What are you going to do? We will do the connection in Phase 2. We will put that in the 2021 or 2022 ballot issue. If we do that, we could get it all done while we were out there. It would cost about \$500,000 to do the connection to Chapel Hill. Pitzer does not think you will get much use until this trail goes somewhere.

Peters said this is sales tax money. Staff said it is funded. Fowler said she understands it is a concrete trail. She asked if we could look at other hard-pack surfaces in the future. Staff said that even gravel is a challenge because when it rains, it washes into the creek which doesn't belong there either. We are also incorporating this into an entire plan.

Written comments in support came from the PedNet Coalition.

There was not additional public comment so the hearing was closed.

Thomas said he is in support of this project and he thinks the 30 mile loop around the city is a positive thing. Many parts of the trail system work really well and this will help complete this vision.

Action on this item is reported under the next agenda item.)

B247-20 Authorizing Phase I construction of the Perche Creek Trail, from the MKT Trail to Gillespie Bridge Road, to include construction of a 10-foot wide concrete trail, a bridge over the Perche Creek and a small trailhead on the south side of Gillespie Bridge Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project; authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Crocket Engineering Consultants, LLC for design of the trail project.

(Action: Council approved the construction of the Perche Creek Trail unanimously, 7 – 0.)

PH32-20 Proposed installation of backup cooling equipment on the roof of the City Hall Building for the Information Technology data center.

[See B248-20/Mayor Memo]

(Action: The Daniel Boone Data Center backup cooling project is intended to provide backup cooling capabilities in the event the primary system goes down. This potential disaster scenario is our number one threat to our data integrity and providing uninterrupted reliable services to our internal customers and external citizens.

Funds for the project have already been appropriated through the budget process. The APC equipment was purchased via a recognized coop contract in FY 2020. IT hired Malicoat-Winslow Engineers P.C. (mechanical engineer) utilizing the city's pre-qualified consultant's list. Construction of this project is currently scheduled to be completed during the Winter/Spring 2021. The estimated cost for the project ranges from \$72,500-\$79,750 and includes preparing plans and specifications for HVAC work in the data

center, designing installation of new InRow air cooled cooling units and providing plans and specifications for all electrical and mechanical installation of the project to the City.

Skala said that years ago they looked at a green roof, solar panels and other stuff on the roof. The engineers said our roof couldn't support the other stuff; can it support this cooling equipment? Staff said yes.

There was not public comment.

Final action on this item is reported in the next agenda item.)

B248-20 Authorizing installation of backup cooling equipment on the roof of the City Hall Building for the Information Technology data center; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

(Action: Council approved the proposal unanimously by the members present at the time.) (The Mayor and Fowler took a break.)

PH33-20 Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Bradbury Drive and east of Kipling Way (Case No. 161-2020).

[See also B254-20 under Intro & 1st Read which is referenced in this discussion.]

(Action: The applicant, Crockett Engineering Consultants (agent), on behalf of Troy and Shirley Miller (owners), is seeking to annex and permanently zone 2.87 acres to R-1 (One-family Dwelling) from County R-S (Single-Family Residential) upon annexation. The permanent zoning request is Case #143-2020 and is scheduled for first reading on September 21, 2020. The existing County R-S (Single-Family Residential) zoning is considered comparable to the requested City R-1. The subject acreage is contiguous to the City's municipal boundary along its north and west property lines. The subject property is a single 2.87 acre tract that is the remnant parent parcel of the Wellington Manor subdivision. The property is unplatted and any future development proposals would require a platting action prior to the issuance of a building permit. At this time there is no new development proposed by the applicant upon the property.

The property is improved with a home and obtains its access from Bradbury Drive – a City-maintained local residential street terminating in a fully constructed cul-de-sac. Any division of the property would require a platting action which would trigger installation of uninstalled sidewalk along the parcel's Bradbury roadway frontage. It should be noted no additional division of the property is proposed at this time and no new public streets are planned or required to be constructed upon annexation of the site.

This property is presently contained in the Urban Service Area as presented in the Columbia Imagined Comprehensive Plan. The site has access to City sewer mains along the western boundary of the property and north of Bradbury Drive. The site is presently connected to an existing on-site lagoon. Annexation of the property would permit the property owners to connect the existing home to public sewer and close the existing lagoon which is currently adjacent to developed single family dwellings. Electric service is provided by Boone Electric, which uses a single-phase underground distribution line located on the southwest side of the property. The site is within the Public Water Supply District 9 territory, which has a 4-inch line running through the site, as well as a 6-inch line on the north side of Bradbury Drive. There is one hydrant just north of the property across Bradbury Drive. City services to be provided upon annexation would include sewer, solid waste, and police. Fire protection services would be provided jointly by the City of Columbia Fire Department and the Boone County Fire Protection District.

P&Z approved of R-1 zoning on this property unanimously subject to annexation.

This is a public hearing only. It will not be approved tonight.
The public hearing was opened.

The first speaker was an engineer representing the applicant. There is an existing lagoon on this property. There will be a significant public benefit by eliminating this lagoon. We do have a lot of use on this city street by county residents. At the end of the cul-de-sac it is multi-jurisdictional. This will clean up the whole lot and allow us to fix the sewer problem.

No other public comment was received so the hearing was closed.

No action was taken on this item.)

OLD BUSINESS

B230-20 Authorizing the issuance of Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020C.

(Action: The issuance of the Taxable Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020C will be used for a current refunding of \$5,650,000 outstanding principal amount of the City's Tax-Exempt Special Obligation Improvement Bonds (Parking Project – Annual Appropriation Obligation), Series 2012A-2, and cost of issuance. This current refunding is estimated to save the Parking fund \$700,000. It is estimated that this refunding issue will save approximately \$6 million through year 2030. These savings can be used to fund operations, and could reduce the amount needed for future improvements.

Peters asked what part of Parking this related to. Staff said it had to do with the Short Street Garage. There was no further discussion.

An amendments sheet with terms was adopted unanimously.

The bill, as amended, was approved unanimously.)

B236-20 Rezoning property located on the northwest corner of the Green Meadows Road and Green Meadows Circle intersection from District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) to District PD (Planned Development); approving a statement of intent; approving "The Godfrey PD Plan"; granting a design adjustment relating to front entrance placement (Case No. 127-2020).

(Applicant Request to Table to the October 19, 2020 Council Meeting.)

(Action: The Mayor indicated that he was NOT inclined to grant this tabling since they said they needed more time to work it out with the neighbors. He does not think this is a real representation and thinks this should be carefully approached. Skala said he thought this could be resubmitted if they want to work it out in the future. Peters said they talked to her and she does not think this is really affordable housing. Thomas said he sees no harm in giving them time to work it out. Pitzer said this is in his ward and he thinks they should have time to work this out.

By a vote of 5 to 2 the motion was tabled, with the Mayor and Skala voting NO.)

B250-20 Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds for airport operations and annual transit projects back to transportation sales tax fund balance for future allocation for transportation projects; appropriating capital project funds identified for the Battle Park Phase I project and Chapel Hill Connector - Perche Creek Trail project back to parks sales tax fund balance for future allocation for parks projects.

(Action: Due to the CARES FTA, and FAA grants allocated to Airport operations and the Annual Transit Projects staff would like to move \$1,094,673 from Airport operations, and \$218,903.75 from the Annual

Transit Project back to Transportation Sales Tax for future allocations. Additionally, in order to reduce costs due to Covid-19, the Battle Park Phase I project funds will be reduced from \$320,000 to \$250,000 and the Chapel Hill Connector – Perche Creek Trail project will be delayed until future funding is identified. Staff is requesting that \$70,000 from the Battle Park Phase I capital project and \$325,000 from the Chapel Hill Connector – Perche Creek Trail project be allocated back to Parks Sales Tax for future allocations. The Perche Creek Trail project at Gillespie Bridge Road will still be constructed as per action earlier in the meeting. This will increase the fund balance of Transportation Sales Tax by \$1,313,576.80 and increase the fund balance of Parks Sales Tax by \$395,000.

No one from the public presented testimony.

**There was a technical amendment to the bill. It was adopted unanimously.
The bill, as amended, was adopted unanimously.)**

B243-20 Authorizing an operating agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri and Bird Rides, Inc. for implementation of a shared active transportation operation for small dockless electric vehicles. **(Moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business for discussion.)**

(Action: Last September we brought a proposal to council to a one year pilot program about dockless scooters in conjunction with the University of Missouri. We did an RFP and selected Bird Scooters for the one-year contract that could be renewed for up to three years.

Fowler asked to table this idea for 6 months. She said downtown people are looking for ways to operate downtown and we won't let them use the sidewalks or parking spaces. Peters said she read the agreement and wants to know what the penalties are for violating the rules of the road. Staff said the University is much more strict than the city was. If you violate the rules, you lose the right to rent a scooter. The whole contract is tighter. Peters said it seemed like there were a lot of scattered Birds around town. Staff said that within 2 hours, Bird is responsible to move a poorly place scooter and by the end of the last time we did this, the complaints had diminished. The number of 500 Birds seemed like a reasonable number and was suggested through the RFP process. There is geo-fencing capability which means you can slow them down and shut them off in certain areas. Staff did not know if the University has imposed a speed limit, but they did know that they did not want them in tailgating areas etc.

Fowler said that if this is not tabled, she has a much longer list of questions. She was downtown on Saturday and believes that this does not fit in well with the social norming we are trying to model. Skala made a parliamentary inquiry. The Mayor said this was a privileged motion and not debatable. Skala asked if there was no comment allowed at all. The Mayor said to go ahead and make his point. Skala said he thinks he has questions about this. The Mayor said he thinks there are unresolved questions.

On the motion to table, by a vote of 4 to 3, the item was tabled for 6 months.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(All items remaining on Consent Agenda approved unanimously.)

B231-20 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to eliminate the safety helmet or headgear requirement for motorcycle operators or passengers as required by state law and modifying the agency responsible for establishing minimum protective standard specifications.

B237-20 Rezoning property located on the north side of Texas Avenue and approximately 650 feet west of Providence Road (13, 103, 105 and 107 E. Texas Avenue) from District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) and District R-2 (Two-family Dwelling) to District M-OF (Mixed-use Office) (Case No. 142-2020).

B238-20 Granting design adjustments relating to the proposed Final Plat of Boone Electric Plat 2 located on the west side of Range Line Street and north of Business Loop 70 (1413 Range Line Street) to allow an alternative location for utility easement dedication and a lot line to bisect an existing structure (i.e., parking lot) (Case No. 135-2020).

B239-20 Approving the Final Plat of “Boone Electric Plat 2” located on the west side of Range Line Street and north of Business Loop 70 (1413 Range Line Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 135-2020).

B240-20 Approving the Final Plat of “Fyfer Place Plat 1” located on the southwest corner of the Broadway and Fyfer Place intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 144-2020).

B241-20 Approving the Final Plat of “Deerfield Ridge Plat 2-A” located on the northwest corner of the Scott Boulevard and Route K intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 148-2020).

B242-20 Authorizing a consolidated grant agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for FY 2021 transportation planning purposes (Case No. CATSO-000181-2020).

B243-20 Authorizing an operating agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri and Bird Rides, Inc. for implementation of a shared active transportation operation for small dockless electric vehicles. (Moved to Old Business for discussion.)

B244-20 Authorizing a contract with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri relating to the relocation of a waterline along the north side of Route K as part of the Sinclair Road/Route K/Old Plank Road roundabout improvement project.

B245-20 Authorizing an agreement with Regional Economic Development Incorporated (REDI) for the lease of office space at 500 E. Walnut Street located in the Fifth Street and Walnut Street municipal parking facility.

B246-20 Authorizing an economic development agreement with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Boone County, Missouri, The Curators of the University of Missouri and Regional Economic Development Incorporated (REDI).

B249-20 Authorizing a non-federal reimbursable agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for a commissioned flight inspection of the Runway End Identifier Lights System (REILS) on Runway 2-20 at the Columbia Regional Airport.

B251-20 Accepting conveyances for drainage and sewer purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

B252-20 Accepting conveyances for utility and temporary construction purposes.

R110-20 Setting a public hearing: consider options to provide enhanced fall protection and related self-harm deterrent measures for the Fifth Street and Walnut Street municipal parking structure.

R111-20 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements at the Again Street Park to include replacement of the existing playground structure and swings, installation of an asphalt overlay and restriping the basketball court, installation of an ADA compliant walkway from the basketball court to Pershing Avenue, installation of park benches and a disc golf basket, replacement of a drinking fountain, and drainage and fencing improvements to the baseball field.

R112-20 Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course to include construction of a replacement golf cart barn, cart washing station and a secured storage area for a fuel tank and dumpster, and installation of perimeter fencing.

R113-20 Expressing support for replacement of downtown public housing units with the construction of the Kinney Point Apartments and the Columbia Housing Authority’s Associated Application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for low-income housing tax credits.

(Moved to New Business for discussion.)

R114-20 Expressing support for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station along the Alternative Fuel Corridor at or near the intersection of I-70 and U.S. Highway 63 including intended financial participation by the City of Columbia of up to \$50,000.00 to assist with the construction of such charging station.

R115-20 Authorizing the submission of an application for and acceptance of the receipt of coronavirus relief funds administered by Boone County for allowable expenses under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; establishing an effective date.

NEW BUSINESS

R113-20 Expressing support for replacement of downtown public housing units with the construction of the Kinney Point Apartments and the Columbia Housing Authority's Associated Application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission for low-income housing tax credits.

(Moved to New Business for discussion.)

Fowler had two questions about this. She said that she had been asked to write an individual letter in support of this and she wants to know how this works. She said she also has received certified letters from both this applicant and another applicant asking for consideration. The Mayor said he also received these letters and he has always tried to have a good mix of projects go forward.

Fowler was worried that the staff report is asked to rank this as the highest of the projects.

The Columbia Housing director appeared and indicated that Freedom House is not in competition with that project. If you will vote out our project as the number 1 project, it really helps. I need that kind of help. I am in a blackout period and I cannot do it myself. Kansas City and St. Louis both rank their projects then have state reps follow up for support. Tim Teddy indicated that Freedom House had in fact identified one source of funding for their project as 4% low-income housing tax credits. Teddy said not all resolutions of support rank projects, but in other years, the council have written letters of support. Pitzer clarified that the 9% and the 4% are actually different buckets of money.

Fowler then asked if she could write a letter as the 1st Ward Council member or if she had to come get support from the entire council. Trapp said he writes letters for various things as the 2nd Ward representative. Some simply come on city letterhead under his signature. For Broader more robust support for a bigger issue, you go to the whole council. He then explained that all the low-income projects are good projects. He thinks it is very important to support all of the robust housing programs since they do improve the community in a real positive way. He supports this and they have defeated some. He cited the Jeff Smith projects as kind of skimming the cream.

A motion to approve the request as submitted was approved unanimously.)

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as submitted for First Read.)

B253-20* Repealing Section 4 of Ordinance No. 024210 to lift the temporary waiver relating to the completion of employee performance evaluations.

B254-20** Voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Bradbury Drive and east of Kipling Way (4000 Bradbury Drive); establishing permanent District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) zoning (Case No. 143-2020).

B255-20** Changing the uses allowed within the "Schapira Clinic" O-P Development Plan located southwest of the intersection of College Avenue and Rogers Street (411 N. College Avenue); approving a revised statement of intent (Case No. 149-2020).

B256-20* Granting a design adjustment relating to the proposed Final Plat of Nowell's Addition, Plat No. 2 located on the northeast corner of Wilkes Boulevard and Sixth Street (600 and 602 Wilkes Boulevard) to allow a reduced utility dedication (Case No. 74-2020).

B257-20* Approving the Final Plat of "Nowell's Addition, Plat No. 2" located on the northeast corner of Wilkes Boulevard and Sixth Street (600 and 602 Wilkes Boulevard) (Case No. 74-2020).

B258-20* Accepting conveyances for utility purposes relating to the proposed Final Plat of Moon Valley Subdivision Plat 1 located southeast of the terminus of Moon Valley Road (Case No. 08-2020).

B259-20* Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the power purchase agreements with Crystal Lake Wind III, LLC for the purchase of wind energy.

B260-20* Accepting conveyances for temporary construction and drainage purposes.

B261-20 Authorizing construction of improvements at the Again Street Park to include replacement of the existing playground structure and swings, installation of an asphalt overlay and restriping of the basketball court, installation of an ADA compliant walkway from the basketball court to Pershing Avenue, installation of park benches and a disc golf basket, replacement of a drinking fountain, and drainage and fencing improvements to the baseball field; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project.

B262-20 Authorizing construction of improvements at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course to include construction of a replacement golf cart barn, cart washing station and a secured storage area for a fuel tank and dumpster, and installation of perimeter fencing; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project.

B263-20* Authorizing renewal of an intergovernmental user agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri relating to the prescription drug monitoring program.

B264-20* Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for STD testing and treatment services.

B265-20* Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) CARES funding for case investigation, contact tracing, coordination and reporting activities associated with COVID-19 testing.

B266-20* Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Increasing Adult Influenza Vaccination Rates Project.

B267-20* Authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the County of Boone, Missouri relating to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 Local Solicitation.

B268-20* Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for a DWI traffic enforcement unit.

B269-20* Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for DWI enforcement relating to sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

B270-20* Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant for dedicated enforcement of hazardous moving violations.

B271-20* Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a grant to conduct special traffic enforcement of hazardous moving violations.

B272-20* Authorizing a contract with the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety and Traffic Division for acceptance of a youth alcohol enforcement grant to conduct compliance checks.

B273-20* Authorizing acceptance of an Assistance to Firefighters grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of fitness equipment and training sessions for the Fire Department.

B274-20* Repealing Ordinance No. 024240 which amended the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating designated loan funds for Phase I construction of the terminal building project at the Columbia Regional Airport and enacting new provisions related thereto.

B275-20* Amending Chapter 19 of the City Code to establish poll worker leave for City employees.

REPORTS

REP50-20 Citizens Police Review Board: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 21.

(Action: On July 8, 2020, and again on August 12, 2020, the Citizens Police Review Board discussed providing more access to civilian oversight by increasing the deadlines for requesting review or appeal to thirty days. The deadlines are currently set at twenty-one days. The board unanimously passed motions to send these recommendations to Council.

The Mayor asked to talk about what is planned for the second meeting in October. At that meeting, we will suspend consideration of most other items and focus solely on items related to policing, equity, race etc. It should be noted that procedural and mandatory items (like P&Z items) will be included on that meeting agenda – but most of the meeting will focus on items brought up by the community, staff and other stakeholders who have engaged in the process.

No formal action was taken.)

REP51-20 Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) Board of Directors - Membership Change Due to Resignation.

(Action: Downtown CID Board Member Jesse Garcia resigned from that position in August of this year. The CID originally proposed Aric Jarvis to replace Garcia. In response, the Mayor asked the CID to provide a slate of at least two people in an effort to broaden the selection process. The Downtown CID responded with two names: Aric Jarvis and Melanie Brickner. After examining the nominations, the Mayor indicated to other council members that he prefers Aric Jarvis for the position.

The council supported the appointment.)

REP52-20 Correspondence from the staff of the Downtown Community Improvement District related to the downtown curbside pick-up pilot program.

(Action: Early this year, the city dedicated some downtown parking spots for use by customers who utilized curbside delivery or pick-up options from downtown merchants and restaurants. The CID has reported that the program is a success and cited the following numbers:

- 88% of businesses surveyed say they have and are being utilized.
- 82% of businesses feel the 10-minute limit is the correct amount of time for these spots, and
- 72% are satisfied to extremely satisfied with how our curbside program is working.

The Downtown CID would support additional parking spots being utilized in this fashion and believe that they may actually become more important as winter weather heads our way. This was a pilot program and the CID believes it has been successful. At the very least, it should not be cut back at this point. If it needs to be re-evaluated, please wait until AFTER the holiday shopping season.

Pitzer said he could support this and hopes the city manager will work with the CID. He asked if shop owners will be willing to lose parking spots right in front of their business since those are prime shopping spaces. The CID Director said the businesses are about half and half and it is a dilemma, so we are looking for the best spots. He then asked if the CID liked the scooters. The CID Director said she was not sure if right now is the right time to consider that whole thing. We can do that in the future.

Skala asked if they have talked to the fire department and police about closing streets and spaces to extend services. The director indicated that you do not barriers; you do need space. We are looking at trying to figure out how to utilize space just in front of their own business even if someone next door opposes it. The city manager noted that with the parking spots they have given up, they are losing about \$8,000 in revenue, so be careful and understand that there is a cost.

No specific action was taken.)

REP53-20 Monthly Finance Report.

(Action: The city has instituted a new policy of providing a brief report from the Finance Department once a month during a regularly scheduled city council meeting. A copy of that report is available at the following link for your inspection:

[LINK TO FINANCE REPORT OVERVIEW](#)

The Mayor and Pitzer both complimented the Finance Director on the new report.

No formal action was taken on this item.)

REP54-20 Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.

(Action: No action required.)

GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Public

The first speaker spent several hours this weekend and they raised \$560 for a project. A few minutes ago, he could barely hear the speaker, so we need to take off our masks. Maybe we need a drop-down surround sound system. It even happened to Pat Fowler.

Council

The Mayor indicated that the two Scheduled Public Comment people were not sent confirmations. So there was some confusion. The mayor talked to them, and they will come back next week. The Mayor also noted that there is a report coming from the performance Audit team. No additional information was available regarding that.

Skala said that near Clark Lane and Ballenger, he would like to check the speed limit and see what they can do.

Trapp said he has met with the broadband task force and it has been difficult to get everyone together to meet. He would like to reform the group and invite people who were not appointed to attend the meetings and encourage more participation. We need a different way to go about this. Skala said he was aware of the group and that the COVID thing has really upended this process. In addition, he thinks that some of the private companies are not sure if they are inviting competition from the public sector and they are not ready to give up proprietary information. Skala thinks they should tighten up the rules regarding attendance. I think we need to give this some time before we rewrite the ordinance that started this task force.

Thomas said he had spoken to Chief Jones about an ordinance against the use of choke holds. Jones said it already said that that kind of hold is already characterized as an intentional use of deadly force. Thomas asked for a sample ordinance to come forward and base it on the way they have written it in other cities. Maybe we could have it in the form of a report instead of a sample ordinance. I would like to have it by the second meeting in October – October 19.

Peters was in the Shepard Neighborhood and they have some new trees and landscaping. They worked with the city arborist to work this out. It was really nice. They placed the new trees in the median and it looks great.

Fowler said she was impressed COMO Helps and would like to know if that group would consider funding a business interruption fund. That is not something we can get from the federal government and wondered if it would be within the kinds of projects this local group would fund. There is a need.)

Staff
(None.)

ADJOURNMENT
(Time: 11:35 PM)

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