



## Columbia City Council Meeting Recap

Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall

7:00 PM

Monday, June 5, 2017

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Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Approval of Minutes  
Adjustment of Agenda

### INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

(X)

(Members present: Treece, Ruffin, Thomas, Pitzer, Peters.  
Members absent: Trapp, Skala

(April 3 and April 17, 2017. Approved without change.)

(R74-17 moved from Consent Agenda to New Business. B141-17  
moved from Consent Agenda to Old Business.)

### SPECIAL ITEMS

(None.)

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

(None.)

### SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

**SPC37-17** Nina Hampton - Community policing.

(Action: Presentation made as scheduled. Appeared as a member of Race Matters, Friends. Speaker recounted a story of policing changes that occurred in Richmond, California due to a forward-looking chief. Actions included the hiring of more women and minorities; making police more accessible; use of social media; institution of better crime lab technology; and physically creating a more street-level presence. Speaker compared and contrasted the California police chief to the current Columbia police chief. Indicated that local chief did not compare well.)

**SPC38-17** Sharon Lewis - Treatment of tenants in public housing.

(Action: Not available as scheduled.)

**SPC39-17** James Gray - Positive feedback on the work the Community Outreach Unit is doing.

(Action: Presentation made as scheduled. Cited Police involvement in food bank efforts, sports activities and other outreach. Acknowledged that race does matter, but

that these police have human emotions and are sad when they see harm that comes to young children. Speaker, who indicated that he was African-American, indicated that he thought the Race Matters, Friends presentations were harsh and that if after they get their fifteen minutes of fame they could move on. Supported the current police chief and encouraged more cooperation. Suggested that every life matters and that it is not, and should not be based solely on race.)

**SPC40-17** Kristin Kijowski - Keep it wild.

(Action: Presentation made as indicated. Described how it would be to walk through a natural setting at different times of day. Asked to keep more areas of Columbia in a natural setting. Moved from Kansas City to Columbia due to the wonderful surroundings. Complimented the city on not having all concrete trails. Being outside is how she recharges. Is concerned that there is too much construction and too many cement trails. Asked for Altus property to remain unchanged.)

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PH16-17** Proposed remodel of Fire Stations #4, #5, #6 and renovation of Fire Training Academy facility.

(Action: Staff presented a report as indicated. These items are included on the CIP list. Architectural studies have been concluded and are moving forward. Staff and Fire Chief were on hand to describe changes. Bathrooms, gear storage and training facilities were all in the list. Indicated that Station 2 still needed some improvements but that it was not included in this list.

No public comment was provided and the Mayor indicated that he was surprised that no one from the Chamber appeared to make sure the council kept its promises.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

[\(Link to news story on this topic from Columbia Daily Tribune.\)](#)

**PH17-17** Proposed amendments to the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Annual Action Plan.

(Action: This is a requirement based on the annual acceptance of CDBG funds from the federal government. The city has significant discretion in its use of such funds, but all of it must be documented. This item describes changes that have been proposed for use of funds.

**R77-17** Approving amendments to the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Annual Action Plan; authorizing the City Manager to submit the document to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Action: This resolution is related to the previous item and authorizes the changes made to be submitted as part of the City of Columbia's plan. This adds additional funding to solar initiatives, allocation of funds to an additional Job Point construction project on Oak Street and other home

improvement projects including home repair, insulation, and other improvement projects.

Public hearing was opened.

Head of Job Point appeared to support these amendments. Indicated that there had been some impediments to construction this year but that these amendments come at a good time. Believed that it meets the goals of affordable housing and community improvement.

Mayor noted that this was a deep lot and asked if it would be a single house or more dense. Indicated that the use of this land was being finalized.

**Motion to approve was passed unanimously.)**

[\(Link to article on this topic from Columbia Daily Tribune\)](#)

### OLD BUSINESS

**B139-17** Authorizing a participation agreement with the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission for the purchase of wind energy from the Iron Star wind generation facility.

(Action: Staff presented a report in favor of this proposal. It is in furtherance of a policy adopted by previous city councils that required a broader portfolio of renewable energy sources for power production. Project costs and renewable rate studies indicated that the benefits would be generally cost neutral. The only risk is that you have to assume they can deliver energy as contracted in the future.

Mayor asked if this project came in a lower cost than what we can make ourselves. Staff indicated that that was true. Also indicated that we could meet our goal of 15% of a renewable energy portfolio and that by 2023 we will need to move to a 20% portfolio. This will help that goal as it comes on line. Staff indicated that this is subject to approval by the Public Service Commission.

Pitzer asked if we can fill in shortages or needs from this source. Staff indicated that this was a cheap alternative at this time and that if it seemed to be economical more energy could be purchased from this source to augment local needs. Staff indicated that you would like to diversify energy sources and would not like to get too heavy into any one source. Pitzer indicated that there may be other opportunities in the future.

Staff indicated that the current plan was to buy 35 megawatts of power.

No public testimony was provided.

Thomas indicated that the Water and Light Advisory Board would meet with the council in July and asked the staff to provide information about methodology of calculating use of wind and solar.

Mayor asked about converting power from DC to AC. That process occurs in northern Missouri.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

**B141-17** Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding a position in the City Utilities Department - Utility Customer Services Division.

(Item moved to Old Business for consideration at the request of the Mayor.)

(Action: Staff indicated that this move was designed to keep customer service reps online and would avoid pulling billing auditors from regular jobs to fill in. Also, indicated that there will be some turnover and that this will allow for future training. Staff indicated that this will improve customer service by keeping dedicated personnel at the windows and on the phones.

No further public comment.

Mayor indicated that he would prefer to do this during the budget process, not as an amendment.  
**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

**B138-17** Approving the Final Plat of Creek Ridge, Plat No. 2, a Replat of Lot 26 Creek Ridge Plat No. 1 and a Tract located in the North Half of Section 2, Township 47 North, Range 13 West, located at the western terminus of Waltz Drive and south of the southern terminus of Heath Court; authorizing a performance contract.

**B140-17** Authorizing a fiber optic system lease agreement with the Columbia School District for use of a portion of the City's fiber optic cable system.

**B141-17** Amending the FY 2017 Annual Budget by adding a position in the City Utilities Department - Utility Customer Services Division.

(Item moved to Old Business for consideration at the request of the Mayor.)

**B142-17** Appropriating funds for the purchase of a replacement solid waste collections vehicle.

**B143-17** Accepting conveyances for sewer and temporary construction purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

**B144-17** Authorizing a cooperative agreement with Boone County Family Resources for additional funding for the Parks and Recreation Department's Adapted Community Recreation Program.

**B145-17** 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.

**B146-17** Appropriating funds for emergency repairs to the HVAC system at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC).

**B147-17** Appropriating funds for air service marketing and promotion services per the terms of the agreement with United Airlines, Inc.; authorizing the acquisition of marketing and promotion services from Bucket Media in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**B148-17** Authorizing a right of use license permit with ESS Properties, LLC for construction, installation, maintenance and operation of a fence, cantilever wind gate and necessary appurtenances within a portion of the Hackberry Road right-of-way.

**R68-17** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of the Vandiver Drive and Parker Street roundabout improvement project.

**R69-17** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements, repairs

and upgrades to the leachate collection and storage facilities at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill.

**R70-17** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of Bioreactor Landfill Disposal Cell #6 at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill.

**R71-17** Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the east side of Wellington Drive and north of Mexico Gravel Road (3500 Wellington Drive) (Case No. 17-114).

**R72-17** Authorizing various Adopt A Spot agreements.

**R73-17** Granting a temporary waiver from the requirements of Section 16-185 of the City Code to allow possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the Rally in the Alley fundraising event.

**R74-17** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc., d/b/a Walker Restoration Consultants, for preparation of construction documents and the provision of construction phase services for the repair and maintenance of the municipal parking structure located on the southwest corner of Sixth and Cherry Streets.

(Action: This item was moved to New Business for consideration.)

**R75-17** Authorizing an electric line relocation agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative as part of the Discovery Drive roadway and sewer extension project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**R76-17** Approving the Preliminary Plat of Creeks Edge, Plat 1-B, a Replat of Lots 101-105 of Creeks Edge, Plat No. 1 and Lot 201 of Creeks Edge Clubhouse, located on the northeast corner of Sawgrass Drive and Valhalla Court (Case No. 17-93).

(Action: Staff presented a report as indicated. Further indicated that this was a change to an original

plan prior to a request for a final plat that will come later. Construction has been progressing as originally indicated. What this does is replat lot #201 as an amenities center. This would allow for the transfer of a little less than an acre of land to adjoining neighbors and then some of the amenities would be created on private property. Staff cited the ability of the council to make decisions about impact to surrounding properties under the new zoning code. Determined that there was no significant detrimental impact. P&Z indicated approval. A few neighbors did testify in opposition to this proposal.

Peters asked about “clear detrimental impact”. Was there some “hazy” detrimental impact? Staff indicated that it may have been more a problem of communication than of real detrimental impact, other than the fact that there would be less “common lot” areas, but that that land would be transferred to neighbors and that the use of the common land for a pool and clubhouse was not out of character with what was approved earlier. Staff indicated that there could be some refinements in the future about what is defined as a clear “detriment” to surrounding property owners.

Pitzer asked about the process. Staff indicated that there had not been a lot of communication, but that when they looked at the impact it did not seem to be

detrimental. Indicated that if this item fails the developer will not be granted a final plat. Explained that a sewer easement on this property will be retained. Maintenance for these lands that will be conveyed to the private owners will be their responsibility.

Mayor indicated that both P&Z Commissioners Toohey and MacMann voted against this. Wondered why that happened? Staff provided no insight into that phenomenon.

Engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant. Indicated that the reason this was being asked for was to allow the neighbors to have more control over the properties that divided them from a clubhouse and that future lands will be made available to the HOA when final construction is completed. Responded to a question from the Mayor indicating that about half of the properties had already been platted. Now, a developer is contractually required to purchase final properties from a deceased owner and that in the future, when the property is finally acquired, additional land will be made available, but that this replat does not add any lots – it simply adds property to some of the existing private lots. This is realistically just adding property to some private property owners, although it does reduce some amount of common area.

Peters asked why all 6 property owners were not receiving additional land instead of just 5. Engineer indicated that it was because the sixth owner did not want to participate. There are about 20 acres of total public area in the entire development, not just the acreage in question in this request.

Mayor asked if this extra land was being sold to the homeowners or being given. Engineer indicated he was not sure but thought it had to do with maintenance costs over time.

Speaker indicated that he used to live in Lake St. Louis and that he thought having HOA ownership in place was important. No further citizens appeared to speak.

**Motion to approve passed 4 to 1 with Treece dissenting.)**

**R74-17** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc., d/b/a Walker Restoration Consultants, for preparation of construction documents and the provision of construction phase services for the repair and maintenance of the municipal parking structure located on the southwest corner of Sixth and Cherry Streets.

**(Action: This item was moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business for consideration.)**

**After brief questions about process, staff indicated that this was actually a continuation of previously approved projects.**

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.)**

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**B149-17** Adopting the CATSO Major Roadway Plan (Case No. 17-112).

**B150-17\*\*** Approving a major amendment to the C-P Plan for Veterans Campus located on the south side of Business Loop 70 East and east of Old Highway 63 (2112 and 2120 Business Loop 70 East) (Case No. 17-108).

**B151-17\*** Approving the Final Plat of The Highlands Plat 8-D, a Replat of Lots 827 and 828, The Highlands Plat 8-C, located at the terminus of Stonehaven Road and southwest of the Forum Boulevard and Old Plank Road intersection; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 17-97).

**B152-17\*** Approving the Final Plat of Bryant Walkway Apartments II - East, a Replat of Lots 20, 21, and 22, Crouch's Addition to the Town of Columbia and a Portion of Vacated Allen Street, located on the northeast corner of Park Avenue and Trinity Place (Case No. 17-105).

**B153-17\*** Approving the Final Plat of Bryant Walkway Apartments II - North, a Replat of Lot 12, Douglass School Area Re-Plat No. 3, located on the northwest corner of Trinity Place and Allen Street (Case No. 17-106).

**B154-17\*** Vacating a sanitary sewer easement on Lot 4 within Fox Lair, Plat No. 1 and Lot 103 within Fox Lair, Plat No. 1A located at the terminus of Dolly Varden Drive and south of White Fish Drive (Case No. 17-110).

**B155-17\*** Vacating a sanitary sewer easement located northeast of the intersection of Route B and Waco Road (Case No. 17-131).

**B156-17\*** Vacating a storm drainage easement located on the south side of I-70 Drive SW and approximately 200 feet east of Aspen Drive (1110 I-70 Drive SW); accepting a conveyance for drainage purposes (Case No. 17-103).

**B157-17\*** Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with Daniel Hilton for property located at 6 Fourth Avenue.

**B158-17\*** Authorizing an annexation agreement with Kurt W. and Carolyn J. Guisti for property located at 3181 Country Woods Road (Case No. 17-91).

**B159-17\*** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Allstate Consultants LLC for structural engineering services relating to the demolition of the McAdams building structure located at 32 S. Providence Road; appropriating funds.

**B160-17\*** Authorizing a municipal agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for roadway improvements to a portion of Route B (Paris Road), between Brown Station Road and Hathman Place.

**B161-17\*** Authorizing application for transit planning, operating and capital assistance grants.

**B162-17\*** Accepting conveyances for street, electric, temporary access and scenic conservation bikeway/walkway purposes.

**B163-17\*** Authorizing a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior for operation and maintenance of a stream gage on Hinkson Creek to provide historical stream flow data and flood stage information.

**B164-17\*** Accepting conveyances for water utility, electric utility and underground electric utility purposes.

**B165-17\*** Appropriating and transferring funds for planned community events by the Convention and Visitors Bureau relating to the August 21, 2017 total eclipse.

**REP31-17** - Solar Eclipse Activities

**B166-17\*** Appropriating funds to cover the projected FY 2017 costs for employee medical claims, life insurance premiums and contributions to health savings accounts.

**B167-17\*** Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of University of Missouri Health Care, for the naming



rights/sponsorship of the large pavilion located at Clary-Shy Park.

**B168-17\*** Consenting to the filing of a petition by the Board of Trustees of the Columbia Library District with the Boone County Commission to permit the organization of a city-county library to provide unified library services to be known as the “Columbia and Boone County Library District;” approving the proposed plan of merger; providing for formation and appointment of Board of Trustees to the Columbia and Boone County Library District Board;

## REPORTS

**REP42-17** Future Percent for Art Project - Columbia Sports Fieldhouse at Perry Philips Park.

(Action: **Accepted as presented.**)

**REP43-17** Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to the Youth Advisory Council Membership.

(Action: Staff explained that due to the large number of people who serve on this council, it may be more appropriate for the individual schools to nominate who would serve from the various institutions rather than have it be appointed by the council without that important input. General consensus from the council members present.

**General motion to agree to the suggestion was unanimous.)**

**REP44-17** Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee Report.

(Action: Mayor indicated that the link to the report did not work and wanted further information about rate structures. Staff indicated that there will be a future rate study based on how rates are allocated now. There will be a cost of service element included as well as an equity determination based on how rates are charged to single family, multi-family and commercial users.

Peters asked if there was much coordination with the county. Staff indicated that there was not much coordinated effort in that regard, but that there is a water model that is used that anticipates the water usage and treatment of all areas in the Columbia vicinity.

Thomas asked about future improvements and expansion. Staff indicated that future treatment capabilities will probably increase due to load projections and that much of that expansion is designed to accommodate future growth. Will rate structure analysis look at how existing customers will be treated compared to how future ratepayers are charged? Staff indicated that if they expand the capacity of the treatment plant from 32 to 48, would we be able to charge the new customers at a higher rate since they are using the new capacity. Thomas also asked about the use of chloramine. Staff indicated that a study into that was just now beginning and it would determine how we treat the water and what we treat the water for.

Mayor indicated he was surprised that there was not more comprehensive planning between jurisdictions. Staff did not know exactly where the regional water district gets its water, but that you can't just transfer



water from one district to the other due to regulation and transmission system design.

**No further action was required for the acceptance of this report.)**

**REP45-17** Community Tree Task Force Accomplishments/Recommendations Report.

(Action: Staff was available for questions, but Skala was not in attendance and he has significant interest in this project.

**It was agreed that this item will be brought back to Council when Skala is in attendance.)**

**REP46-17** Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

(Action: Mr. Thomas asked about a line item of \$43,000 for funds for a bicycle pedestrian bridge. Mayor asked about change orders that were included. Staff indicated that there were some changes in elevations, footings and materials that caused a difference from original budget amounts. Thomas thought maybe the change was because of where the connection was made to the rest of the trail and that more work was to be performed in the future. Staff indicated that that was a maintenance issue and that there were problems in achieving agreements with area property owners, so no additional paving or construction will be completed in the short term. Staff indicated that they will try to improve signage and bollard placements but that they are not planning to resurface additional properties due to problems with right-of-way acquisition and cost.

Mayor asked about additional funds for the contact center at the city. Staff indicated that this will allow for some additional staff and storage space and allow some scattered staff to be co-located in a similar space. Will also plan to address some acoustic issues in the call center.

**Report accepted without dissent.)**

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

##### **Council Comment**

Mayor indicated that he had several issues to bring up during this comment period. The Mayor explained that he had signed on to a mayor's climate accord and asked staff to answer a few questions regarding the nature of the local energy agreement.

Barabra Buffaloe appeared to explain that 211 mayors nationwide had signed on and that what the city committed to was doing what we are basically already doing and now we would need to do more comprehensive reporting than was originally envisioned back in 2006. This helps hold us accountable. This is voluntary and it is generally what we already do. We are only accountable to our own goals and anything we do will need to be approved by the local council.

Thomas asked if we can measure all the energy conservation and usage items we are talking about. Buffaloe indicated that we rely on a lot of other data from federal sources, but that sometimes data does not come in quickly. Thomas asked for us to track bicycle miles traveled better and to try and find better ways to identify ways that we can improve. Pitzer asked how we can improve data collection. Staff indicated that energy is one of our biggest concerns and that we are looking for ways to measure local coefficient data and make assumptions. Staff indicated that there is a trend toward decreasing

greenhouse emissions per capita in Columbia, but that some places look at total emissions, not per capita emissions based on population.

Pitzer asked for staff to come back with a comprehensive report on what data we actually have now and then apply some critical thinking toward creating a baseline for regular and recurring evaluation.

Thomas asked if all city staff and all related boards and commissions could help create a climate action plan. Pitzer asked if we could also study how much it really costs to do this and that we could study business cost and apply an equity lens to make sure that people who are already burdened do not get more burdened by new emission rules.

**Motion to approve Mayor's initiative approved unanimously.**

[\(Link to news story from Columbia Daily Tribune regarding this topic.\)](#)

Mayor indicated that the police department advertised a police meeting with the media, but that when the public showed up, they were turned away. Thought this was a mistake. Thomas echoed that sentiment. Wondered how this happened. Wants to make sure that media briefing will be open to all people in the future. City manager indicated that when the meeting was scheduled it was moved to the police department and that the police station is a secure building and so it was limited. Mayor indicated that this is not just a comedy of errors, it was not good public policy and we need to do better. City manager agreed. These meetings are a new thing, and they are a good idea, but they need to be accessible.

**General consensus on this point.**

Mayor brought up vehicle stop report from the Attorney General. Noted that minority stops had increased. Wanted input from city manager. City Manager indicated that they are not finished working on this. There are more sessions with the community and staff and we are looking at how other cities cope with similar problems. We have begun a sign and consent form process. Probable cause still prevails, but this is something new. It is a positive step forward. However, the new data does not reflect this new program and we do not know how other things are playing into this. Our work is not lined up on the cycle where the reporting data comes in. We need more time for the data to catch up to our activities.

Peters asked what the City Manager and Chief think of the initial available data from the Attorney General. Manager indicated that there are three parts to the data and that some things seem to be heavily weighted toward problems that have more to do with poverty than race possibly. Indicated that 80% - 90% of contact is a warning for African Americans, not arrests. Slightly lower percentages are true for white motorists. Wants people to know that efforts are underway and that data is sometimes interpreted in different ways by different people or groups.

**City Manager indicated that there was additional work and outreach to do on this issue and that they would come back with a more comprehensive report when the additional steps had been completed.**

The Mayor indicated that a local "special interest group" had recently challenged the City Council to keep its promises to voters and complete projects approved by the public on the annual CIP plan. (This was a reference to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.) The Mayor asked for city staff to go back through records and find out if the special interest group who challenged the council to follow up on promises was correct. Wants information to be able to respond in terms of projects completed or underway.

**Staff Agreed to come back to Council with a report.**

Thomas asked about the program where police could give non-compliant cyclists light kits to fix problems. Didn't know if this would relate to the current pull over problem. Also asked for more background on what the current use of force policy is and how it has evolved over time. Thomas also wants to know what the policy is on deploying a SWAT team.

**Staff agreed to come back with a report.**

Ruffin asked about disproportionate police contact for minorities. Ruffin wants to figure out how to go beyond just statistics and figure out how the reality of the situation is that sometimes people are just stopped for being in the wrong neighborhood. Also asked about the Coats incident report and when the Highway Patrol will be forthcoming.

**City Manager indicated that there is no specific deadline because it is an ongoing investigation under the control of the Missouri Highway Patrol.**

### **Public Comment**

First speaker indicated that they are asking for the police chief to resign because he denies the data and refuses to change. He is not capable of doing his job and when he opens his mouth he says stupid things. You cannot be in this job if you can't recognize all the different aspects of sociology. Sorry if he didn't get that in school. But, he needs to go. Doctors can't do their jobs without understanding other people. He should not be able to either. He needs to go.

Next speaker indicated that she has met with the police chief and other police. She believed that the data is available and that the fact that other people had to analyze the local cops own data rather than the local cops looking at the facts first is wrong and that she believes that there is definitely a racial profiling problem. The data should be ready now and we should have it.

Speaker indicated that she believed that police hang out in black neighborhoods waiting for people to create crimes. Alleged that black people are 400 times more likely to be stopped than white people. She believes that we can do better, that she is a professional and that she listens to how people really interact rather than simply what some people admit to. Structural racism needs a strong leader to make it stop.

Speaker was concerned by a 17-year-old who has spent months in jail on two misdemeanors. Believes things are not right. Believed that the current police chief is not trustworthy and has already been involved in controversy.

Crime is a universal problem. Race Matters, Friends is a group of volunteers. People give up their personal time for justice. We have given both statistics and alternatives. It is not being listened to. We are calling for the chief of police to step down. Chief denied that racial profiling exists and the speaker indicated that expecting black people to call the chief to report it is crazy. Speaker recounted several instances of how the chief was denying plain evidence and common sense in avoiding changes to the police procedure and department. Speaker criticized chief for trying to reinvent data and interpretation. This has gone on long enough.

Speaker indicated his support for the police chief and also indicated that the local chief believes that "it's time for the local police to get out of the marijuana business." He thinks the chief has a good sense of how to work with the local population and believes that the local city and police should reform marijuana laws in this community.

Speaker indicated that he believed the current chief has improved professionalism in the police force and thinks Race Matters should not blame Burton for poverty. Burton changed the policy of SWAT raids for marijuana use. Speaker pointed out that he has fired bad cops in the past and believes that he has improved the police, but that they are understaffed. They can't do serious community policing without resources. Supports the chief.

Speaker indicated that she believed the current chief gets loyal support from people he has treated well, but that just because some positive changes occur, you should not get credit for things that have not been done. We know that morale is not good here. How are you going to comb the data we have and how are you going to work in the anecdotal experiences with the numbers? Speaker believed that if it doesn't involve public safety, don't waste the time on a stop. Wants council to consider an alternative. Take the next step forward.

Speaker talked about wind energy supply contracts. Encouraged council to go over the contracts because we may be locked in to buying a certain amount of energy but we may have to obtain that energy at a price that may be too high. Speaker brought up a previous discussion about transfer of property to private owners instead of being under the control of an HOA. Believed that it was a good deal to insure the maintenance of the property. Then, the same speaker talked about the city's listening tour for the police. Quoted that the city manager indicated they would look at problems through other people's lenses, but that really doesn't happen. It's the police department deciding what they want to do and then telling you how they are going to do it. Would prefer a 12 – 18-month strategic planning process. We hope that something will come of this.

Next speaker brought up several topics. Wanted to be a study of how much it will cost to cut the chief loose and wants to know why he doesn't come to every council meeting. Mayor sits at the top – “you are in charge, Brian” said the speaker. I am always involved in homelessness. Here is a goldmine idea. Why not have a hotel that has one half people who pay rent and one half that is subsidized for homeless people. There is a structure where there will be a homeless summit and the men could stay outside while the women stay inside. Purchase the Holidome and make it work that way, or leave it private on the tax rolls and put a police station in there and let the city subsidize it for a while, while providing a place for homeless people to sleep.

**Staff Comment**  
**(No further comments.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**(TIME: 10:10 PM)**

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