



**Columbia City Council Meeting Recap**  
**Council Chamber, Columbia City Hall**  
**7:00 PM**  
**July 20, 2020**

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**(SPECIAL NOTICE ATTACHED TO THE JULY 6, 2020 AGENDA AS PRINTED)**

(The City Council understands some citizens may not be able to attend the council meeting to provide in-person verbal public comments due to COVID-19. As a result, written comments may be submitted to [cityclerk@como.gov](mailto:cityclerk@como.gov). Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20 will be provided to the City Council and filed with the respective agenda item in the City Clerk's Office. It would be helpful if the written public comment included the agenda item to which the comment applies along with the name and address of the person submitting the comment.)

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

(Recited as indicated.)

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

Approval of Minutes

(Minutes from June 15, 2020 approved.)

Adjustment of Agenda

**(Fowler abstained from R161-20 on consent. R162-20 moved to Old Business from Consent Agenda.)**

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

(None.)

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**BC6-20** Board and Commission Applicants.

**Airport Advisory Board:** [Jenelle Beavers](#)

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission:** [Hannah Larrick](#), [Carly Love](#), [Robert Schmidt](#)

**Board of Adjustment – Alternate:** [Jessica Lechner](#)

**Building Construction Codes Commission**

Architect – Regular: [Brian Connell](#)

Architect – Alternate: [Jonathan Trunk](#)

Fire Prevention – Regular: [Richard Shanker](#)

Fire Prevention – Alternate: [Amy Barrett](#)

Landlord – Regular: [James Roark Gruender](#)

Layperson – Alternate: [Christopher Howe](#)

**Citizens Police Review Board:** [Wayne Boykin-Rudolph](#)

**Disabilities Commission:** *(Bus Owner)* [Jonathan Asher](#) *(Significant Disability)* [Lydia Olmsted](#)

**Downtown Columbia Leadership Council:** Greg Pierson  
**Historic Preservation Commission:** James Roark-Gruender  
**Housing and Community Development Commission:** Barbara Jefferson  
**Public Transit Advisory Commission:** Mohamed Shahin  
**Youth Advisory Council:** (7 positions) Thomas Becker, Benjamin Cohen, Helen Hinnant-Root, Kaya MacLeod, Hannah Snodgrass, Charlotte Tolly

### **SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT**

**SPC32-20** James C. McLaurin, Race Matters, Friends - Re-prioritizing community investment into social services.

(Action: The speaker had a prepared Power Point presentation. He indicated that his presentation covers many topics. Terminology used by the police is important. We are asking for a reallocation of resources. The police are shackled. Really, many of the things they want funded have nothing to really do with effective policing. When we talk about defunding, we are talking about scaling back the scope of their work and replacing those functions with different people to deliver those services. If you are talking about policing, our current policing is reactionary. The council, when they pass policies on zoning, they look at things we all want. Policing is the same. And it is reactionary. The police don't stop bad things from happening, they respond to murders and crimes. They need social workers not armed officers. Police are not equipped to deliver such services. We have problems with the court system. By reducing some of the things the police do it could reduce numbers of criminals in the system. When we reduce the police presence in the schools there will be fewer negative interactions. Until we change the system it will be difficult to work within the current model. The police right now focus on non-essential services. We should redefine the police role after COVID-19. Instead of having a public safety department, we should have a response department and break up the responsibilities. I would invite you to look at my presentation. We have had many listening tours. Let's start now, measure and improve the system.

**SPC33-20** Adrienne Mann - Racism in policing.

(Action: The speaker is a member of the People's Defense. She describes a white progressive as a white person who thinks they are not racist. They spend too much time proving that they are on the right side of the issue instead of spending time fixing the problem. Columbia, Missouri congratulates itself for being progressive. Our politicians are the worst. Mayor Treece said that we have already implemented some of the most important improvement including banning chokeholds and taking other measures. The speaker is a public health nurse. 11% of our population is black, but 30 % of all vehicle stops were on black people. The same injustice occurs in terms of searches, weapons searches etc. In schools, suspensions and expulsions are handed out to children of color more frequently than whites. I bet some council member has planned to say that we are trying to respond. Then, look at the crowd. Then look at the council. Don't insult our intelligence. We can see the difference. The council is all white. We will send our thoughts to the council this coming month and we expect your support.)

**SPC34-20** Doug Mann - Rethinking policing and public safety.

(Action: The speaker thanked the council for passing the mask ordinance. He believes that shows a commitment to public health and put your faith in data. Budgets are moral documents and should reflect how we treat our citizens. Sometimes we don't do a good job at how we reach out to our citizens in terms of policing and mental health. My friend committed suicide. I went with the police to investigate. We went with the police because that is who is assigned to respond to such calls. The police investigated, discovered that the person had committed suicide and the police did not deliver the message well to concerned friends. A trained social worker could have delivered that news better. I

struggle with depression and have been medicated. My wife is very supportive of my mental health situation. But she can't always be the one to deal with that. Right now, she would call the police – but that is not appropriate. They are not trained for this type of thing. I fear that might happen someday. For me, race won't be the extra component, but we can improve the situation. The CAHOOTS program is one way to address this. They dispatch trained mental health professionals instead of police officers, and it works. Dallas does something similar. It works. It saves time, money and lives. Make these changes. Do something. Take this burden off of our police and improve the response to our citizens.)

**SPC35-20** Jacquelyn Watts - Columbia police department their misconduct, lack of transparency, and not placing them in public schools.

(Action: The speaker wanted to address multiple topics. She thinks they should draft some new legislation including a statement that Columbia needs to be more transparent. We should be able to know which police have been charged with excessive force and other complaints. You can look me up on CaseNet. I want to be able to look up the cops. I think they are part of the problem, not the solution. That ties in with having officers in schools. I hope we make no cops in the schools permanent. The presence of police in schools makes the school to prison pipeline happen. Schools are even built like prisons in terms of design and layout with hallways and wings to the side and command centers in the center. That's how life turns out and that should not be the reality. Sometimes cops target kids, and they were supposed to be their protectors. We can have other people work with kids – and they should look like the kids they are helping. We need better more appropriate training.)

**SPC36-20** Susan Carter - Response to needed changes in city for ending racism.

(Action: The speaker is talking about becoming more anti-racist. The first thing to look at is transparency. A lot of times, we double-speak. As white people, we do that frequently. Things I hear a lot are excuses about why we can't do things. Like the money has already been allocated so we can't change what we already did. We need to be changing things so they really address what's is going on. Other excuses include, "Well, that's how we do things in Columbia." If we don't change, it will never improve. We should not just look at people and label them as part of the problem. We need all people to be anti-racist. We need to hold high expectations for people and people will live up to those expectations. We have an opportunity right now to not put police officers back into our schools. Research says that the more police handle discipline leads to more kids being arrested or restrained – and the more that happens the more likely they are to be incarcerated in the future. That's how we used to treat people with mental disabilities. Slavery was the same way. Young people will be our future adults. We need to make sure that the experiences they have when they are young are respectful and positive so they can reflect that kind of attitude in the future. Keeping cops out of schools should be a permanent policy decision.)

**SPC37-20** Amy Belcher, Columbia Mo Citizens For Roll Carts - Transitioning to roll carts for city solid waste removal.

(Action: Two speakers approached the podium including the speaker's daughter. Thank you. She believes that we need a change in our solid waste utility. When we lived in Tucson, AZ we saw roll carts being used. Recently, we stopped curbside recycling. I suggest we implement a roll cart system here in Columbia. It has several benefits:

- They are safer for workers
- It can save hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. We spent nearly \$15 million on this last year.
- Roll carts contain trash better and protect the trash from animals.
- Rescind the city code and implement roll carts with automated trucks.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**PH25-20** Consider the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Project Plan for the City of Columbia, Missouri.

[No Action Required/Mayor Memo]

[Proposed Projects to be Funded in FY 2021](#)

(Action: The Director of Finance indicated that the CIP Budget is being presented tonight, but each project will need individual approvals from council at each step of the way. The Director indicated that he could answer questions about individual projects.

Fowler said that she sees some projects that are assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward that benefit the city as a whole but don't really benefit the residents of the ward. Could you categorize general services projects in a different way to give a better picture of this? Staff said they could do this. Fowler said she will revisit past year's data in this regard.

Trapp said that he thought there could be a capital cost recovery plan for new extensions along the extension of the Discovery Parkway. The city manager said they are not going to develop that land so it would be difficult to charge them for improvements.

Thomas asked about the total cost of the Discovery Parkway extension? It is \$6.8 million. We lost a \$3 jillion grant from the state for funding. We are reallocating the Grissum Building funds to build the road. Thomas said he will oppose the Discovery Parkway project and will make a motion to remove it from the budget for next year.

Peters said she had a question about the Grissum improvements. She thought we kept kicking those improvements down the road and it sounds like we are doing it again. Staff said they will do some improvements for the bus areas with CARES money and then we fund the actual construction costs in the future. The Grissum building is where we manage our streets and fleets. We also still have some buses that need to be replaced and we can use some CARES money for that purpose. We currently have about 26 buses in our fleet.

Pitzer asked if we have a list of all of this year and last year CIP projects? Staff said they can put that together if you would like that. The City Manager said the Parks Department has that and they can put it together for the entire city. Pitzer asked about the water budget. Is the discussion still ongoing and how does that affect this document? Staff said they have moved some items from the capital budget in terms of replacements, for instance, and moved them to the operational budget. So, some replacements appear in the operations budget, but upgrades and replacements might appear in the capital budget, particularly if they were specifically identified within the ballot issues that were passed in the past. This is slightly different than we have done in the past.

The Mayor asked about three sewer replacement projects noted on page 7. He wanted to know about the Meta Vista project. They have completed a part of this project and are now finishing Phase 3. We are getting easements for Phase 4. There are 5 Phases. This has taken 10 years. We don't condemn in the case of private common collectors so we are at the mercy of the private property owners and some are simply non-responsive or not interested. The Mayor asked if they should put other projects in the pipeline while we wait on these? The staff said they continue to work on many different projects and in some cases they have had to abandon projects due to a lack of cooperation. It seems like this is a broken process. The City Manager said that if you condemn, you have to pay for the easements. We try to get them for free. Fowler said she is troubled by the idea that we don't have all of these easements in place

before we fund certain projects. That way you wouldn't jeopardize the projects halfway through. We used to line up all the easements up front, but it became problematic. That is why we started staging the projects. Fowler said she understood staging the construction, but she did not understand why you can't line up all the easements first. Staff said that things change as you go forward and if you do 50 projects all at once up front, you may not have the flexibility to accommodate changes. The City Manager said that if you try to do all of the easements at one time, one person can hold up the entire project.

Another thing that happens is that if you drag it out over a number of years, properties can change hands and some owners don't even know that they are obligated. Fowler said that people should know that they are obligated. She also understands the frustration of property owners who see a project held up.

Peters said she thought that sewer projects should start at the top and then flow downstream. We actually start at the bottom and work our way up. The Mayor asked about downtown streetlights and now sees a line item in the budget. The Mayor thought we spent \$300,000 on this last year. Staff said that last year's project was to increase safety lighting. The LEDs for those lights were not made for this system voltage so changes and increased cost has led to this request for funding. This has been funded since 2016. Staff did not know why no lights have been replaced yet? The Mayor said the previous director said this could be done. The new director said that this coming year he believes they can replace 94 of the existing lights with radio control and the new LED lights. I don't know how many total lights exist downtown. Do we need to contract this out? The Director said we can do it with in-house and contract labor this coming year.

Skala asked about Fowler's suggestion that they should break out projects that are really city projects (like the landfill) and not necessarily directly beneficial to citizens. Skala also wanted to know about the bus line items. In this CIP plan there will be 4 electric buses coming in this month. The new buses coming in will be Compressed Natural Gas and those will replace the old electric buses. We are meeting our goals in terms of CNG, but that is struggling on the private side.

Fowler asked about the city's position on having city workers do city work. We have several construction programs. Do we have a policy where we seek to take our assets and resources and put them into these projects? The City Manager said we use contract labor when we hit peaks. We try to normalize how we use in-house workers and contract what we can't handle. We do not have special language that indicates we give preference to workers that have been trained through our own programs. The City Manager indicated that we do have some minority participation programs, but we do need to follow low-bid and other bid procedures that are specified by law. It would be difficult to rule on the entire idea tonight. The status of the Third Street Alley is that it is complete.

The public hearing was opened. Written comments indicated opposition to a new sidewalk project on Audubon. Peters and the Mayor were not aware of this project. Staff said that project is designed for a FY2022 budget year. Another person believed that some CIP projects should be moved to different budgets and that existing materials be considered. This should be tabled until after we consider rates. A third person indicated that no regular tax dollars should be spent on Parks Projects. Staff indicated that all Parks projects are indeed financed through the special Parks Tax.

The first speaker indicated that she heard that some of the CARES money will go to the Discovery Parkway project. She was opposed to that. Staff assured her that the CARES money was not being used for that purpose.

The public hearing was closed.

Thomas noted that the P&Z summary of this CIP budget said that we should emphasize improvements to existing systems rather than looking at major expansions. He thought that made sense. The Discovery Parkway project does not follow that advice. Thomas also said he thought we should focus more on public transit than on new roadway projects and that his constituents favor improvements in public transit. This project diverts funds from public transit to a project that is decades old and is almost unstoppable due to the lack of transparency and poor planning that goes into the entire CATSO approach. The business development that occurs out there is almost all national in nature and drains money from our community. This builds more multi-lane highways that increase safety problems and this exacerbates the greenhouse gas problem. This project is going to spend \$6.7 million and we just lost \$3 million of that as a grant so we are now taking it from the Grissum building. I think there is not demonstrated need or desire to build this new section of road. We should invest in our citizens in the central city and in a better and more appropriate network. Thomas also mentioned some additional widening of Forum funds included and he will oppose that as well. The Mayor and Thomas disagreed on this particular project.

**No formal action was taken at the end of this public hearing.)**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

**(Staff recommends this item be withdrawn.)**

(Action: When the COVID-19 Stay At Home Orders were invoked, the city began to waive various fees and suspend some programs to make ease the impact on Columbia citizens. One such step was to temporarily waive fees for riding public transportation in Columbia. As the reopening process began, staff suggested reinstating the process of charging fares for Transit Services. Accordingly, an Ordinance was prepared to repeal Section 4 of B92-20 (Ordinance No. 024211) to lift the temporary suspension of transportation fares. That ordinance was originally designed to take effect on July 7.

However, during and since that time, the planned community “reopening” has slowed in some areas and testing has revealed an increase in rates of the coronavirus. There may also be some pockets of CARES Fund money available to continue the transit system subsidy for the time being. Staff has suggested that it may be too early to reinstate transit fees at this point and believe they can fund free transit into 2021 and has recommended that this ordinance be withdrawn from consideration at this point.

The Mayor asked if by making the bus free will this increase ridership? Staff is not sure because people have been inhibited from going anywhere. We have noticed a reduction in Paratransit ridership due to the nature of the COVID-19 health threat. There has not been a high increase in ridership at this time. Right now, we see a growth in our reserves so the bus system might actually be in better shape this year than last year. We still need to work on improved headway times.

Skala said he thought that steady ridership is a good sign since it has not declined like many other transportation systems have. Thomas said he was very much in favor of this and wants to increase our efforts to market this to the public.



**The Mayor made a motion to withdraw this item.  
Item withdrawn at request of staff.)**

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

**(Moved to Old Business from Consent Agenda.)**

(Action: Staff indicated that when special events have been staged in this area a lot of on-street parking occurs and it takes a lot of time by city staff to manage this parking and traffic. The staff solution was to make no parking a permanent solution. Pitzer asked if they have special events and restrict parking, then where will people who come to the events park? Staff said not all streets will be blocked off. Gans Road is a major street that does not need the additional parking along it. The parks Director indicated that that they often shuttle people in and there will be additional parking lots constructed in the near future. Pitzer asked if these streets were built to city design specifications. Staff admitted that parking on both sides was possible, but if people don't park correctly, it can get a little too narrow. Staff said they wanted to avoid temporary parking bans.

Pitzer asked if the neighbors put together a petition and asked for parking to be banned on these streets, what would happen. Staff said they would look at it from a safety and engineering point of view, and not a social point of view and then let the council decide. Pitzer said he was asking because he gets a lot of questions about this and wants to make sure our policy is consistent. Eliminating parking on the street means we are going to have to build another lot somewhere else. Staff noted that there are no residential dwellings along these streets. Pitzer said he may remove a couple of the streets from this bill. Fowler asked when they might build future parking lots? Staff said it will be a while, probably when they build the new pavilion. They never build parking out to full need in the first Phase. This is more about public safety than it is convenience. Fowler asked about discussing the climate impact of the parking lots in the future.

Peters said it is in her ward and she will support this. Pitzer said since she supports it, he will back off.  
**The item was approved unanimously.)**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(All items remaining on Consent Agenda approved unanimously.)**

**(Fowler abstained on B161-20)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Moved to Old Business from Consent Agenda.)

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

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

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

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

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

**R87-20** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of structural improvements to the Walnut Street bridge as part of the Hinkson Creek Trail improvement project, from Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane.

**R88-20** Setting a public hearing: proposed construction of improvements at the A. Perry Philips Park to include construction of an indoor pavilion, parking lots and entry drive and the installation of landscaping.

**R89-20** Setting a public hearing: proposed replacement and rehabilitation of a portion of storm drain pipe on Aldeah Avenue, south of Ash Street.

**R90-20** Authorizing a contract with North East Community Action Corporation for the provision of Title X family planning services.

**R91-20** Authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of sidewalk on the west side of Fifth Street between Elm Street and Stewart Road to facilitate masonry restoration and repairs on the Gas Turbine Building located at 417 S. Fifth Street.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

(None.)



## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

(All items introduced as indicated.)

**B169-20\*** Amending Chapter 12 of the City Code to establish employee nondiscrimination policy requirements for city contracts and contractors.

**B170-20\*\*** Approving a major amendment to the Preliminary Plat and PD Plan for “On the Ninth” located on the east side of Old Hawthorne Drive West and approximately 1,300 feet north of Route WW; approving a revised statement of intent (Case No. 121-2020).

**B171-20\*\*** Rezoning property located on the south side of Oakland Gravel Road and east of Teresa Drive (6114 N. Oakland Gravel Road) from District R-1 (One-family Dwelling) to District A (Agriculture) (Case No. 116-2020).

**B172-20\*** Approving the Final Plat of “Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 5” located west of the intersection of Nocona Parkway and Endeavor Avenue; authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 47-2020).

**B173-20\*** Approving the Final Plat of “Discovery Park Subdivision Plat 4-A” located northwest of the intersection of Nocona Parkway and Briarmont Avenue (Case No. 89-2020).

**B174-20\*** Vacating drainage and utility easements located within Discovery Park Plat 4 and Discovery Park Plat 5 located on the west side of Nocona Parkway and approximately 1,500 feet south of Ponderosa Street (Case No. 88-2020).

**B175-20\*** Approving the Final Plat of “Garth’s Addition, Plat No. 1A” located on the south side of Ash Street and west of West Boulevard North (906 W. Ash Street); authorizing a performance contract (Case No. 222-2019).

**B176-20\*** Authorizing construction of a sidewalk along the north side of St. Charles Road between Demaret Drive and Battle Avenue; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

**B177-20\*** Authorizing construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalk at the intersections of Sinclair Road, Route K and Old Plank Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

**B178-20\*** Authorizing the acquisition of an easement for construction of a single-lane roundabout with splitter islands and sidewalk at the intersections of Sinclair Road, Route K and Old Plank Road.

**B179-20\*** Authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant of easement for water utility purposes to Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Boone County, Missouri for the relocation of a water line at the intersection of Sinclair Road, Route K and Old Plank Road to facilitate the construction of a roundabout.

**B180-20** Authorizing construction of structural improvements to the Walnut Street bridge as part of the Hinkson Creek Trail improvement project, from Stephens Lake Park to Clark Lane; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division or authorizing a contract for the work using a term and supply contract.

**B181-20** Authorizing construction of improvements at the A. Perry Philips Park to include construction of an indoor pavilion, parking lots and entry drive and the installation of landscaping; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division for a portion of the project.

**B182-20\*** Authorizing an agreement for the donation of real estate with THD-REB Properties, LLC for property located on the west side of Dumas Drive in The Vineyards, Plat No. 7 Subdivision to be used for open space and park purposes.

**B183-20\*** Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, Inc. for the development and operation of an agriculture park at Clary-Shy Community Park to allow the installation of a temporary office on the west side of the park property.

**B184-20\*** Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the McBaine Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - Phase 1 project.

**B185-20\*** Authorizing an agreement with Christian Fellowship Church of Columbia, MO, Inc. for payment of differential costs for construction of a water main serving Chapel Hill Meadows - Plat 2.

**B186-20\*** Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.

**B187-20\*** Accepting conveyances for sewer and drainage and utility purposes; accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

**B188-20\*** Authorizing a program services contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Show Me Healthy Women program.

**B189-20\*** Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds from the sale of a 2003 Sutphen SP95 ladder truck for the purchase of fire apparatus equipment.

**B190-20\*** Authorizing a non-federal reimbursable agreement with the Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration for Navigational Aid (NAVAID) relocation and replacement, and flight inspection support for the Runway 2-20 extension project at the Columbia Regional Airport.

**B191-20\*** Authorizing an airport aid agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to the reconstruction of Taxiway C2 and the apron expansion project at the Columbia Regional Airport; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B192-20\*** Authorizing acceptance of a small community air service development program grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to recruit, initiate and support new daily air service to the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

**B193-20\*** Amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating tourism development funds for the Gans Creek Cross Country Course improvement project.

## REPORTS

**REP38-20** Boone County COVID-19 Long-Term Recovery Plan, Emergency Support Function 14 [Function 14 Long Term Recovery Plan Text.](#)

(Action: The Boone County Office of Emergency Management maintains an Emergency Operations Plan as required by local executive order, pursuant to Missouri State Law. The plan is based upon a comprehensive approach to emergency management and was used to prepare and respond to the COVID19 Pandemic. Under this plan, there are 15 different Emergency Support Function Groups (ESFs).

ESF #14 is the group that was formed to create a Long-Term Recovery Plan for Boone County in the wake of the COVID-19 virus. Columbia's Housing Programs Division took the lead in organizing, researching and coordinating the work of this group, but included a variety of public and private sector community representatives in formulating guidelines for recovery. Some of the individuals who were involved in creating the initial draft report for recovery were:

Darcie Clark, City of Columbia  
Randy Cole, City of Columbia  
Carrie Gartner, Columbia Business Loop  
Nickie Davis, Columbia Downtown CID  
Susan Hart, REDI  
Crystal Kroner, Cradle to Career Alliance  
Carla London, Columbia Public Schools  
Chris Macy, University of MO-Columbia, MU Health Tele.  
Eric Morrison, Providence Bank  
Joanne Nelson, Boone County Community Services  
Steve Smith, Job Point  
Heather Russell, City of Centralia  
Jolyn Sattizahn, Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
Tony St. Romaine, City of Ashland  
Jesse Yankee, CMCA Women's Business Center

Brian Toohey, Columbia Board of Realtors  
Jim Whitt, REDI

The ESF-14 Long Term Recovery Team examined three key areas of impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic as follows:

**Economy and Workforce Support**

- Small Business and Retail Districts
- Women and Minority Owned Businesses
- Local Industry
- Workforce Support

**Community Infrastructure**

- Schools
- Childcare
- Internet and Technology

**Housing**

- Unsheltered
- Rental
- Owner-occupied

These key areas were chosen due to the nature of the pandemic and the impacts as it relates to business operations and continuity, unemployment, basic needs and services for our workforce, internet and technology, educational institutions and housing. The primary objective of the ESF-14 Team was to formulate a long term recovery plan that incorporates clear and practical resource allocation recommendations and policy considerations for local leaders to consider in leading our community to recovery. Overall, key findings of the Function 14 Report include addressing the immediate health crisis; adapting operations across all sectors to adapt to the new normal; and stabilizing our workforce. Common themes identified in all areas include realizing COVID-19 is the new normal for the foreseeable future, require innovative leadership with equity, adaptation, and resiliency as core values as the foundation for leading our community.

A 64-page summary of findings has been presented for the council's consideration.

Staff believes that this will need to be revisited every 60 to 90 days since things will inevitably change. Support for restaurants; improvements in broadband access; better childcare options; rent and utility assistance and also mortgage assistance; actual housing supply considerations; and addressing public health were some specific topics.

The Mayor thought he believed that this will create some policy decision points for the city council. He is waiting for the county to release some funding and has concerns about how that money will be applied. Fowler said there were a few things that jumped out at her. She said she always sees new construction when talking about affordable housing. She wants us to start looking at some of the existing housing stock that could be converted into affordable housing stock.

Pitzer said that support for restaurants and childcare were two big projects cited. Staff said the small business loan program local level would be part of it. In terms of the childcare portion of this, St. Louis had a good program and there were tiered ways to provide financial assistance depending on the capacity of the care providers. We need to make sure we have the revenues to do this since this will go for 9 to 12 months. Pitzer asked when CARES money is identified, who will be applying for that? City staff has started discussion with the county to figure out the process, but that is not yet determined.

Thomas said there was some concern that Room at the Inn may not be in operation this winter. Will there be money here for that? Staff said there will be at least \$70,000 for homeless populations and will continue to look at budgets as more funds come in from federal, state and county funds. Thomas asked if that would give us a permanent building of our own? Staff said no, they would prefer to fund something like Room at the Inn that already has available space. They have already put in a proposal for some of these funds.

Skala noted that the Broadband Planning Group has been reinvigorated and that the group could be useful in determining how new funds are spent. Trapp asked about what has happened now that the ban on evictions has been terminated. There is a special presentation on that topic on Thursday evening. The Voluntary Action Center is helping people participate in this presentation so far.

**REP39-20 Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Budget - Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds.**  
**(Action: Peters indicated that in this report there are a large number of transfers this time. We are cleaning up the budget before the next budget is presented and we are trying to make sure these items are formalized. It has been a while since we have had transfers. No formal action required and none taken by council.)**

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

##### **Public**

(There were 25 written comments, all about roll carts. There were comments for and against. Some people thought this was the wrong time to be even thinking about this topic. Move it to 2022. Some think it is brilliant and hope we become as smart and clean as Iowa City, IA. Some thought they are cleaner and safer. Some people think roll carts would be cheaper. Some people even want to see it into the county. Some people believe the bag system is unsafe. There was one that said both masks and roll carts would be a bad idea.

One person appeared in person to speak in favor of roll carts. She supports repealing the ordinance that prevents us from pursuing the roll cart solution now. The council represents us. We people would like a say in this, and the people who work on these trucks work for you. We need to protect the workers and make this system safer for everyone. Serve your constituents and your workers best by going to roll carts.

One person thanked the council for passing the mask ban. She also wanted to really thank the council for adopting a more holistic approach to public safety. She understands that there is a possibility that \$500,000 could be allocated to some alternatives to police responses in some situations. She is here to remind people that our social infrastructure is a part of our response to public safety. Without exaggeration, it can be a death sentence to be black in Columbia die to health care delivery and poverty. We only appropriate 1.8% of our budget in social services, and that is too little. If you look at this, you have to imagine that either something is the matter with black people, or something is the matter with our system. It is clear that our system does not work. What we know is that the unavailability of resources almost always leads to increases in crime. There are ways to address this. If we can spend \$6.8 million on Discovery Parkway, maybe we can reallocate that to a place that can help everyone. The next speaker said that it is the obligation of the government to meet the needs of the public it serves. As people we give up some things to be policed, so we should administer that in a reasonable way that serves us all. The council needs to define the criteria and there should be an equity check box on everything we do. And if it is not equitable, it should not be done. It is rarely beneficial for the decision making to be controlled by the people with the most power. During the COVID-19 situation we

have found out that there are people who don't have internet. How can those people get regular information? Let's use our public utility power and deliver a moderate bandwidth of service to everyone. The speaker thinks that our community centers are underutilized in this town. We should blend response units in a common community center and it could be the same place that kids go after school. At some point, we need to have action items. We have talked about this forever. What do you need to get going on this?

Another speaker wanted to discuss several topics. He thanked the council for getting right on the COVID-19 issue. The city is hurting for money. This COVID thing could go on for two more years. Our masks could be causing human damage. We need to get these masks off of our faces every chance we get. When you are within 6 feet of other people, keep the mask on, but then get it off. The next point this person addressed was the idea of having a social worker on the team and have some of those people respond to various kinds of calls for assistance. Thank you to Trapp for curb set-up for homeless people. Finally, he was never for roll carts and do not take the community of Columbia for granted. If you don't clean your carts, you could bring back the West Nile problem and we don't need that.

### **Council**

**Fowler** said she saw an item in the Consent Agenda about renovating parts of City Hall and wants to document some of the existing structures. She asked to work with city staff and the Historic preservation Commission.

**Thomas** will be absent on August 17.

**Pitzer** said he wanted to talk about solid waste. He said that the cancellation of the curbside recycling was telling and that we have tried to patch it up. But now, it is time to junk the system. It is clear that there are people who still want to recycle. The harder we make it to use, the less we will use it and we will lose patience. This is elementary just to collect the trash – and it is getting worse by the day. We are having to pull back on other things just to make sure we get the trash. We have known what the trends were for some time. They are not good for us as a utility. On August 13, we will talk about this. Right now, we have a prohibition on using roll carts. We should rescind that ordinance. It won't make us do anything, but it will allow us to look at a new way to do something to fix our solid waste utility. The council can do it. Or, we can put it on the ballot again. I think we should consider this at our next council meeting and if we want to adopt it we can get this on the ballot in November of this year. Then, we will have an answer. If citizens want it, we could have an answer. If not, it's no different than what we are doing now.

**Pitzer** made a motion to rescind the ordinance that puts a ban on using roll carts and place it before the voters on the November 2020 ballot. Peters said she thought the city council should simply show the political will and rescind the ban itself, without a vote of the people, then figure out what to replace our current system with. The Mayor thought that recycling is a popular thing here in town and he wants to let management work through the issues that will allow us to resume the service as we deliver it now. He is reluctant to let the council override the will of the people since they voted on this as an initiative petition. If we wanted to undo that, we should have another initiative. However, it probably would not be a good idea to clutter the November ballot with yet another issue. Legal staff indicated that this can be phrased in such a way that it is more affirmative in nature than it was the last time around.

**Skala** said it was his impression that the last time the reason the language was so confusing was because of how it had to be brought forward to the ballot. Skala said he thinks there is still a split in this

community on this issue and would like to see if a citizen initiative would be strong enough to get this idea moved forward. He is reluctant to put this on the November ballot without more citizen input.

**Fowler** said she will oppose this motion because she thinks we need to have another discussion about how to fund increased pay for solid waste drivers and how to enter the recycling market in a cost efficient manner. Would we need to make everyone a CDL driver? Staff said they use to be all CDL, but now we hire some temps who are not CDL drivers.

**Thomas** said he thinks there is no resolution to this until we can overturn this old ordinance and we can move toward single driver, automated systems that could include roll carts. Thomas does not think we could wait until spring. He will support the motion to introduce this to the council at the earliest possible date.

**Trapp** agrees with Pitzer and Thomas and will support getting rid of the ban on roll carts. We need some stop gap solutions. Just abandoning curbside recycling does not solve anything, it just delays fixing the system. Our diversion rate is low. Jeff City is higher than us because they have more automated systems. We can frame this question better than we did last time. I think we should support Pitzer and bring this to the voters in November.

**Pitzer** said he thinks there are many layers to peel back here. If we do it the way I am suggesting we can look at this on August 13 and then act on this after that first hearing. Pitzer said he fears that if we simply do this by council fiat, then there will simply be another petition to put it on the ballot, so let's move it forward and go for the ballot. We have until August 25 to notify the clerk of our intent and action to get on the November ballot. What we would do is get this on the ballot. The ballot question would not have to refer to the repeal of the ban. It could simply be an affirmative statement about the preference for roll carts or not. More discussion indicated that staff could come up with appropriate language. Thomas wanted to simply list whether we are for roll carts or not. The Mayor did not want this to be a non-binding referendum. He wants it to have clear language that allows the council to institute an appropriate replacement. Peters asked if the Mayor would prefer that citizens collect signatures to get it on the ballot that way? The Mayor said he did not want to automatically override the will of the citizens. It would also give Fowler a chance to ask the questions she had posed. Pitzer said that would give us time to patch it up, but it would not be doing it the way we should do it.

The motion to allow council to vote to place language on the November ballot regarding the use of roll carts for solid waste collection in the City of Columbia was made.

**The motion PASSED by a vote of 4 to 3 with Skala Treece and Fowler voting NO.**

**Staff**  
**(None.)**

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**(Time: 9:59 PM)**

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