INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012, in the Council Chamber of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll was taken with the following results: Council Members ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, THORNHILL, KESPOHL and DUDLEY were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2012 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Dudley and a second by Ms. Hoppe.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Dudley and a second by Ms. Hoppe.

SPECIAL ITEMS

John Conway – Annual Water and Light Advisory Board Report.

John Conway stated he was the Chair of the Water and Light Advisory Board and explained the Board was required to present an annual report to Council. He summarized the activities of the Board for this past year, which included consideration of the bond issue for the Columbia Energy Center. He noted more attention had been given to the electric system operations than the water system operations this year. He commented that the Board was very active and had a good working relationship with staff.

Mayor McDavid thanked Mr. Conway for presenting this comprehensive report and stated the Council appreciated the work of the Board.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon receiving the majority vote of the Council, the following individuals were appointed to the following Boards and Commissions.

C.A.R.E. ADVISORY BOARD
Ding, Li, 301 Waugh Street, Apt. E, Ward 1, Term to expire March 1, 2014

MAYOR’S COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS
Johnson, Stephanie, 4404 Orrine Street, Ward 6, Term to expire November 30, 2012

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Monta Welch – International Earth Hour.
Monta Welch asked those in attendance that were supportive of Earth Hour and thankful to the Council for changes made with regard to Earth Hour to stand. Approximately five people stood. She explained the Columbia Climate Change Coalition had requested a proclamation for Earth Hour since it became an international effort and a global sustainability movement. She was thankful for the additional support from the Council to make Earth Hour an automatic annual event for the community. Since last year, 5,200 cities and 135 countries and territories had participated in Earth Hour, and it fulfilled the Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement call to provide education to the community. She believed the City could judge support and appreciation for Earth Hour by determining the amount of electricity saved during that one hour and felt there was quite a bit participation and appreciation for this event.

Sam Robinson and Ian Thomas – Public input gathered at two community conversations held regarding transit.

Sam Robinson stated he served as the Director of Health and Community Initiatives for the PedNet Coalition and managed the Columbians for Modern and Efficient Transit (CoMET) Action Team, whose goal was to expand transit and make it efficient and effective for all Columbia citizens. Ian Thomas, also with PedNet, provided a handout to the Council. Mr. Robinson thanked Ms. Hoppe and Mr. Schmidt for hosting two community conversation events with regard to transit. He noted 67 individuals registered for the event in Ward 1 and 58 individuals registered for the event for Ward 6, and explained the format and process for the events. They asked three questions, and those were what people wanted Columbia Transit to look like in five years, what challenges they faced as they tried to realize that vision, and what they should do in the short and long term to overcome the challenges, and discussed those questions. He noted the report created was an interim report as they were planning other community conversations regarding transit. He explained there were similarities and differences between the two events and pointed out the popular responses, which included a need for increased frequency of service, service on Sundays, multiple transfer points and collaboration between the City, the University of Missouri and the Columbia Public Schools. The challenges included funding, an inefficient hub and spoke system, the understanding of how to use the bus system and the negative perception of transit and its users. Tangible action steps were to continue education on how the transit system worked and to build a transit culture, which they believed would change the negative perception of transit.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification regarding the other community conversation events scheduled. Mr. Robinson noted the Ward 4 event would be held on April 26 and the Ward 5 event would be held on May 3.

Ms. Hoppe understood a community conversation event had been held at the University as well and asked for an update on that event. Mr. Robinson replied the Tiger Transit Movement was student grass roots organization and it had held its own community conversation event on March 13. Approximately 40 students attended and the results would be provided to Council in the future.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
(A) **Construction of a public drop-off facility at the Columbia Sanitary Landfill.**

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mr. Schmidt understood this drop-off was for items destined for the regular landfill and asked if there were plans to expand it to also accept household hazardous waste in an effort to make it more convenient for customers. Mr. Glascock replied household hazardous waste was accepted on the weekends at the Grissum Building off of the Business Loop and it would continue to be collected at the Grissum Building.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

Mr. Thornhill made a motion directing staff to bring forward an ordinance to authorize a bid call for the construction of a public drop-off facility at the City’s sanitary landfill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(B) **Construction of street improvements to widen Forum Boulevard from Katy Lane to the bridge over Hinkson Creek to accommodate left turn movements from Forum Boulevard into the Victoria Park driveway and MKT driveway.**

Item B was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Anthony asked for clarification regarding the second phase. Mr. Glascock replied the second phase involved a pedestrian bridge, which would remove pedestrians from the existing bridge allowing room for three lanes and providing an opportunity for a left turn lane into Wilson's Fitness Center.

Mr. Schmidt understood this was an alternative to building wider bridge piers so there was room for a future wider bridge. Mr. Glascock replied the pedestrian bridge was a separate bridge and would remain there when Forum Boulevard was widened. It would be a dedicated pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Schmidt understood this was an alternative to previous discussions of having cars or pedestrians and bicyclists going under the bridge. Mr. Glascock stated this would not fit under the bridge and would require a lot of earth movement. He believed the connection would be made once Forum Boulevard was widened to four lanes.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

Mr. Schmidt thought this was a satisfactory solution.

Ms. Anthony thanked staff for working hard on this project. She believed it was a good interim solution until Forum Boulevard was widened to four lanes.

Ms. Anthony made a motion directing staff to proceed with plans and specifications for construction of Forum Boulevard left turn lanes into the Victoria Park and MKT driveways. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**R47-12 Approving the FY 2011 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER).**

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.
Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

Jim Loveless stated he was representing Job Point, whose corporate offices were located at 2116 Nelwood, and noted Job Point used Community Housing Development Organization funds to build and renovate modest housing in the central part of the City and used HOME program funds to help low and moderate income families purchase homes. He commented that he found the report relating to Job Point, the Community Housing Development Organization and HOME programs to be true and accurate, and endorsed the Council’s acceptance of the report as it pertained to those items. He explained Job Point appreciated being a partner with the City of Columbia, and also appreciated the sacrifice of Council in terms of its time and the services rendered to the community and its citizens.

There being no further comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

The vote on R47-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, THORNHILL, KESPOHL, DUDLEY. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

B61-12 Authorizing the issuance of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Blattel provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid asked if the bonds were taxable or tax exempt. Mr. Blattel replied the sewer bonds were revenue bonds and tax exempt. Mayor McDavid understood the rate was 3.36 percent. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification regarding the 3.36 percent. Mr. Blattel replied the 3.36 percent was for the life of the bond issue. The bonds that matured in the first year had an interest rate of 0.35 percent, and the highest rate, which was for year 2036, was 3.75 percent. Mr. Schmidt understood this was a laddered strategy. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct. The first year through year 2023 had a rate of 2.7 percent or less. Mr. Schmidt asked if some of the bonds were amortized or if they were all regular level pay coupon bonds. Mr. Blattel replied these were coupon-type bonds. Mr. Schmidt understood article 10 discussed defeasance, so the City could defease some of these if it had the funds. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct and explained the City had the option to call them 10 years out or to refinance. The City could also do an advanced refunding through defeasance.

Mr. Schmidt commented that he did not see the eight projects listed. Mr. Blattel thought they had been provided and noted the projects would come before Council for an appropriation when they were ready to be constructed.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to amend B61-12 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thornhill and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B61-12, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, THORNHILL, KESPOHL, DUDLEY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA
The following bills were given second reading and the resolutions were read by the Clerk.

**B62-12** Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to specific pollutant limitations for commercial and industrial facilities for discharge into the sanitary sewer system.

**B63-12** Authorizing a right of use permit with MM II, LLC to allow construction, operation and maintenance of an underground detention basin, water quality unit and storm sewer piping and boxes within a portion of the alley right-of-way located north of 308 South Ninth Street, west of Watson Place.

**B64-12** Accepting a conveyance for utility purposes.

**B65-12** Appropriating funds received from recycling efforts as part of the 3M Urban Ecological Restoration Project.

**R40-12** Setting a public hearing: construction of the sanitary sewer main and manhole rehabilitation project.

**R41-12** Setting a public hearing: installation of lighting on two football and lacrosse fields located at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area.

**R42-12** Setting a public hearing: construction of restroom and concession facilities to serve the soccer, football and lacrosse fields at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area.

**R43-12** Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the north side of West Arbor Way and on the west side of Harvest Road.


**R45-12** Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services for the HIV Prevention Project.

**R46-12** Authorizing agreements with Stephens College – Department of Mass Media, The Curators of the University of Missouri and Thumper Entertainment, Inc. for Signature Series Funding under the Tourism Development Program.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, THORNHILL, KESPOHL, DUDLEY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

The following bills were introduced by the Mayor unless otherwise indicated, and all were given first reading.

**B66-12** Rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Garth Avenue and Blue Ridge Road from A-1 to PUD-6; approving the PUD Plan of Hunter's Landing; setting forth a condition for approval.
B67-12 Vacating street easements and associated access restrictions on the southeast corner of Garth Avenue and Blue Ridge Road.

B68-12 Rezoning property located on the west side of Conley Road, south of the I-70 and U.S. Highway 63 intersection (511 Conley Road), from R-1 to C-3; authorizing a development agreement with TKG Conley Road Investments, L.L.C. and Conley Road Transportation Development District.

B69-12 Approving the Final Plat of Short Street Garage Plat 2, a Replat of Short Street Garage, located on the northeast and northwest corners of the Short Street and Walnut Street intersection.

B70-12 Approving the Preliminary and Final Plat of Thornbrook Plat No. 15 located at the termini of Thornbrook Parkway and Henwich Drive.

B71-12 Approving the Final Plat of Grace Covenant Church Subdivision, Plat 1-A located on the north side of Sexton Road, between Garth Avenue and Grand Avenue (1 East Sexton Road).

B72-12 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking on a portion of the south side of Savoy Drive.

B73-12 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to remove a parking restriction from a portion of the east side of Pannell Street.

B74-12 Authorizing rights of use permits with MM II, LLC to allow construction, operation and maintenance of a non-standard patterned, textured and colored sidewalk within the Ninth Street right-of-way, and construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of balconies to extend within the Ninth Street right-of-way and the alley between Ninth Street and Watson Place right-of-way.

B75-12 Appropriating funds for transportation improvements to the Stadium Boulevard corridor from Broadway to I-70.

B76-12 Accepting conveyances for sewer purposes.

B77-12 Approving the Enhanced Home Performance with Energy Star program; appropriating funds.

B78-12 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.

B79-12 Authorizing the installation of lighting on two football/lacrosse fields located at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B80-12 Authorizing construction of restroom and concession facilities to serve the soccer and football fields at the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area.

B81-12 Amending Chapter 19 as it relates to personnel policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

B82-12 Authorizing an agreement with Community Foundation of Central Missouri and Greater Horizons for establishment of the Conley Fund; transferring funds.

B83-12 Amending Chapter 1 of the City Code to repeal Section 1-13 relating to the Conley Poor Fund.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP45-12 Street Closure Requests.
Ms. Hoppe made a motion to approve the street closures as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kespohl and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP46-12 Parking on Buttonwood Drive.**

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe asked if the apartment complex had been contacted and asked if they were satisfied with this suggested change. Mr. Glascock replied he understood staff had talked with everyone in the area.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to prepare an ordinance prohibiting parking on the north side of Buttonwood Drive from Providence Road Outer Roadway to a point 1,040 feet to the east at all times. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP47-12 Plastic Dividers versus Concrete Dividers on College Avenue.**

Mr. Matthes and Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Anthony asked what the concrete would look like. Mr. Glascock replied it would be a concrete median of about six inches in height.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there would continue to be plastic barriers on the median to keep cars from speeding through. Mr. Glascock replied they would try to construct it so cars could not enter and explained there would be a ribbon strip.

Mr. Dudley asked if the current plastics dividers had failed and if people were driving through it now. Mr. Glascock replied people were not driving through it. The dividers would get hit though. Ms. Hoppe stated they looked terrible because they were hit frequently.

Mr. Schmidt understood the plastic dividers had been used because it was cheaper than concrete and easier to undo or rearrange if it was not successful, and that staff felt this was a satisfactory solution, which was why they were ready to pour concrete. Mr. Glascock stated staff had received positive feedback from the Bike Boulevard. Mr. Schmidt noted he had received the same type of feedback.

Mr. Kespohl understood the cost to maintain the current reflective design was estimated at $1,000 per year and concrete would cost $49,000, which was 49 years of maintenance. He wondered if this would be a Bike Boulevard in 49 years. Ms. Hoppe commented that the charrette process included the construction of medians and an improved corridor. She felt the plastic barriers were not aesthetically pleasing and made the neighborhood look run down.

Mr. Kespohl understood brick crosswalks on College Avenue had been discussed and asked if the concrete would hinder that initiative. Mr. Glascock stated he did not believe it would be a hindrance because they could be sawed in later. He also noted that he believed the concrete median was safer than the delineators. He pointed out signs would be installed at both ends so cars did not run into the median. Mr. Dudley noted vehicles were already hitting the plastic dividers. Mr. Kespohl stated the issue of drivers already hitting the dividers and the fact cars would be shifted to the other lane were concerns of his. Ms. Hoppe pointed
out the snow plows tended to run into the dividers. She did not believe people would hit the curb like they did the dividers.

Ms. Hoppe understood it was recommended that the opening of the area in the median be enlarged on the east side, north of B, and on the west side, south of B, so there was more a gap for bicyclists to get through without making a sharp turn. She noted this was reflected in the diagram created by Adam Saunders and the North Central Columbia Neighborhood Association report. She suggested they follow the recommendation and make the opening a little wider.

Mayor McDavid stated he believed the plastic dividers looked really good for one week and then looked awful. Mr. Schmidt agreed, but noted it was a good way to try a traffic engineering technique before concrete was poured as it was more expensive.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to add a project to the Capital Improvement Plan to replace the plastic dividers with concrete where the Windsor/Ash Bicycle Boulevard crossed College Avenue and to incorporate the suggested revision of the enlargement of the median in certain locations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schmidt and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP48-12 Additional Federal Grant Funding for the Non-Motorized Transportation Project (GetAbout).

Mayor McDavid understood the Council might want to change the rankings. As a result he recommended they make a motion to proceed with the top five projects on the list and hold a work session to vet the other projects.

Ms. Hoppe stated she was concerned about moving forward without public input. She recalled holding a public hearing prior to moving forward on the previous projects and believed it would allow those that did not participate in the commission meetings to provide input. She noted they had reprioritized in the past after receiving public comment. Mr. Glascock pointed out most of these projects had already been discussed in the prior public hearing.

Mr. Schmidt suggested holding a work session prior to the public hearing.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to initiate implementation of the projects prioritized as 1-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McDavid commented that the Council would discuss process, how to rank the projects and how to obtain public input at a work session. Mr. Schmidt asked when this would be done. Mr. Matthes replied it would be placed on a future pre-council meeting agenda.

REP49-12 Updating Posters on Buses.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe distributed a handout with the specific language currently provided on the buses and believed it was circuitous as it did not inform the students of the present situation regarding the routes. She suggested a revision of the language, and distributed that language. She felt the revisions put the students on notice, told them of the options and told them to obtain information from their apartment complexes.
Mayor McDavid asked how she determined October 2012 would be the starting time. Ms. Hoppe replied she took that from the original notice. Mr. Matthes noted those particular routes would end much sooner. Ms. Hoppe understood it should be changed to August 2012.

Mayor McDavid understood staff did not know what it would recommend in a month. Mr. Matthes stated that was correct. Mayor McDavid asked if it would be better to wait on the specific wording of these posters. Ms. Hoppe replied they knew some of the options now and felt the current language did not inform the students of what was being done.

Mr. Schmidt commented that the purpose of these posters should be to educate the public and not alarm them. Ms. Hoppe agreed and noted the current language seemed threatening instead of informational. Ms. Anthony noted they wanted to keep gentle pressure on the apartment owners in terms of their contracts. Ms. Hoppe stated she believed the revised language did that.

Mayor McDavid stated he did not have any problem with the revised language. The City, as an organization, intended to define how the system would be run next year, and they did not know that yet as there were a lot of options. He did not want this to imply this was an either/or situation. He agreed there needed to be informational posters, but in his mind, they had not completed a strategy for next year, which needed to be done. If the intent was to let students know they were stakeholders and they were expected to participate in the discussion, he was satisfied. He agreed the students needed to know not to expect free buses on August 1, but wanted to ensure it was not construed as a take it or leave it deal as it was a dynamic situation. Ms. Hoppe noted they could add wording indicating other options could become available.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to change the language on the posters as proposed in her handout. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP50-12 Report on Injury Incidents.

Mr. Matthes noted this report had been provided for informational purposes.

REP51-12 Lenoir Woods Retirement Community Contributing to the Bus System.

Mayor McDavid understood Lenoir Woods was not interested in participating and noted that did not mean they would not have buses to their location that would charge a fare.

Mr. Kespohl understood Lenoir Woods had contacted staff as they wanted to discuss this further.

Ms. Hoppe commented that she had asked staff to contact Lenoir Woods when there was discussion regarding potentially cutting this route. She understood some employees utilized the bus system to get to work and that Lenoir offered their own bus service as well.

Mayor McDavid commented that the City Manager had put a lot of effort into educating the community about the bus systems in other university communities and a discussion had begun.

REP52-12 Crosswalks at Forum Boulevard and Green Meadows Road.
Mr. Matthes noted this report had been provided for informational purposes.

**REP53-12 Downtown Alley Parking.**

Mr. Kesphol asked if east/west alleyways in the downtown were public or private. Mr. Glascock replied some were private, but others were not. He explained he could not provide a definite answer without some research and survey work. Mr. Schmidt understood each alley was different, which complicated the situation. Mr. Glascock pointed out he understood half of one alley had been vacated, while the other half had not been vacated. Mr. Kesphol asked if that alley ran east to west. Mr. Glascock replied yes. Mr. Kesphol stated his concern was for police and fire service in the alleys and asked if the City would be trespassing on private property if the Fire Department drove a fire truck into a private alley. Mr. Boeckmann replied that was an issue that would probably never come up as he did not believe anyone would complain about a fire truck being in the alley if a building was burning.

Mr. Kesphol commented that his concern was parked cars potentially blocking an alley so fire trucks could not get where they needed to be. Mr. Glascock explained the Fire Department policed those situations if there was a complaint. Mr. Kesphol asked if no parking signs should be posted in the alleyways. Mr. Boeckmann stated he believed the first step was to determine which alleys were public and which alleys were private. Mr. Schmidt commented that this public safety issue might be a reason to make more of the alleys pedestrian only.

Mr. Matthes stated staff would further review the situation and provide a report to Council.

Mayor McDavid understood commercial deliveries were made in some of the alleys. Mr. Glascock pointed out trash was placed in the alleys as well. Mr. Schmidt noted some of the alleys could not be blocked for those reasons.

Mr. Glascock pointed out it would take some time to research this as they would have to go to the original records to find some of this information.

**REP54-12 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.**

Mayor McDavid understood this report had been provided for informational purposes.

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Karl Skala, 5201 Gasconade Drive, referred to REP48-12, which dealt with federal grant funding for non-motorized transportation, and stated he would appreciate anything that could be done with regard to improvements in the Clark Lane area. He commented that when Council had discussed the spending of the original $23 million received for GetAbout, they had a difficult time determining which projects would be funded and which projects would be placed on a priority list for future funding. Two of the projects that had been deferred as funds became available were in Ward 3 and had to do with improvements in the Clark Lane area and improvements along the MKT in the Paris Road area. He wanted the Council to be aware of that as they discussed which projects would be funded in a future work session.
Ms. Hoppe asked where the two were on the current list. Mr. Skala replied he did not. Mr. Kespohl understood Clark Lane was prioritized as number seven. Mayor McDavid asked Mr. Skala if he could review the list and e-mail Council with that information. Mr. Skala stated he would.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report as follow up to the pre-council meeting in terms of suggested letters of support and opposition to various house and senate bills.

Mayor McDavid made a motion directing staff to prepare letters for him to sign in support of HB 2003, HB 2007, HB 1502 and SB 655 relating to appropriations for higher education, the Missouri Arts Council and the Higher Education Capital Fund and in opposition to HB 1528, SB 589 and SB 610 relating to automated traffic enforcement and HB 1867 relating to bail bonds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kespohl and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McDavid made a motion for the City Council to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012 in Conference Room 1A/1B of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, to discuss personnel matters as authorized by Section 610.021(3) and (13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley.

The vote was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, THORNHILL, KESPOHL, DUDLEY. VOTING NO: NO ONE.

Mr. Schmidt commented that there was money for education and promotion within the additional GetAbout funds the City had received and believed it was important to distinguish between education and promotion. He noted the biggest increases in safety and modal shift came from cycling classes as people learned how to use the road, behave correctly and obey the traffic laws. The earlier component involved $2 million, but most of it was used for promotion instead of education. He stated he was excited about the education piece as the cyclists would be working directly with members of the public because more than just the building of facilities was needed to promote a shift.

Mr. Schmidt stated Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church had received a nuisance notice from the Department of Health due to trash that had collected near their fence and understood the trash was blowing over from the mall and on the mall side of the fence. This was typical of the type of complaint he received from citizens that felt the City was using resources to go after the wrong people when there was a nuisance. He stated he would work with staff toward some resolution. Mr. Boeckmann commented that sometimes people had trash that others threw on their property, but it was hard to prove. Mr. Schmidt understood, but thought the person issuing the citation should visit with the managers of the adjacent commercial properties and that the managers of those commercial properties should have those picking up the parking lot pick up the area in question as well.

Mr. Schmidt noted the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association had a successful Fish Fry of about 120 people and stated he was pleased the residents were getting together and becoming active.
Mr. Schmidt commented that this had been a tough week with regard to violence and crime, and complimented the police and the public for making it through this tough week of crime and other problems. He stated he had received communication from a resident of the Douglass Park area, who had witnessed a drug deal from her own home and did not feel safe about reporting it. He hoped the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood associations would continue to work toward taking back their streets. He noted there had been a suggestion of a police substation at Douglass Park as well.

Mr. Schmidt understood the merchants and customers downtown were unhappy with the parking changes from the pilot project and stated he looked forward with great interest to the report. He hoped the second phase would involve different machinery. He also wondered if the City had considered shutting down the pilot project.

Mr. Dudley stated he was contacted regarding the possibility of a mulch site in the northeast part of town and asked for a report with possible locations.

Mr. Dudley asked if there were time limits on the parking meters that could be paid for by cell phones or if people could continue to pay the parking meter with their cell phone while staying their place of business. Mayor McDavid replied he did not know if the City had that kind of technology, but noted the technology existed. Mr. Schmidt pointed out the commercial leases for those in the downtown specified they should not be filling up parking spaces as those spaces were for customers. Mayor McDavid commented that if that technology was utilized in Columbia, the City could always increase the cost of parking if they felt it was being abused. Mr. Thornhill noted they could also limit the number of times a person could renew their time at a meter. Mayor McDavid understood the Parking Task Force would be providing a report.

Ms. Hoppe asked when the pilot project for downtown parking would end as she had only seen negative reactions to it. Mr. Matthes replied he was unsure and would get back to Council on that issue. Ms. Hoppe wondered if the City was losing parking meter money since people were avoiding the pilot project.

Ms. Hoppe suggested they focus on the central City area and work outward when weighing the trail priorities for GetAbout funding because the density was in that area. She did not believe this needed to be the only factor, but thought it should be considered.

Ms. Hoppe stated she participated in a meeting with the Lee Elementary School principal, the PTA and the City traffic engineer with regard to traffic concerns and understood a report would be coming to Council. For the immediate, they really wanted a speed trailer placed on Locus Street so people could see how fast they were traveling. She asked if a speed trailer was available and if it could be placed on Locust this week. Mr. Matthes replied he would look into it and do what he could.

Ms. Hoppe understood McNabb, which was in East Campus, was not a City maintained street and was in very bad condition. She asked what needed to be done to
acquire the street so it could be maintained by the City. Mr. Matthes replied he would research the situation. He asked if the owners were willing to sell their interest in the street. Ms. Hoppe replied she understood the owners were very interested and believed it involved six or seven homes. Mr. Matthes stated staff would explore it and provide a report.

Ms. Hoppe understood sewer work was being done at the intersection of WW and Timberhill and Rustic Road and the roads were very bumpy and being torn up. She understood the State maintained WW, but assumed the City maintained Rustic Road and Timberhill. She asked staff look at the area to determine if repairs could be made or if the road could be resurfaced so it could withstand the truck traffic for the sewer project. Mr. Matthes replied staff would review the situation.

Ms. Hoppe commented that a public question and answer session had been held on Tuesday regarding the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) and believed it had been productive. She explained something that came out of the discussion was the possibility of a charter change to restrict the use of eminent domain for any designated EEZ area since this was of great public concern and asked staff to look into it. Mr. Matthes replied a report would be provided.

Ms. Hoppe commented that the Council had asked the EEZ Board to look at narrowing the EEZ designated areas and understood the Board had already recommended six census blocks be removed and were considering other changes. She wondered if the Council needed to provide the EEZ Board more direction as other issues had arisen. She noted there was concern regarding the use of 2000 Census data instead of 2010 Census data and when the 2012 Census data would be available. She understood there was interest in focusing the area so it did not include contiguous areas and for fine tuning the uses depending on the neighborhood. Due to these and other issues, she wondered if the Council needed to provide the board more direction.

Mayor McDavid suggested Ms. Hoppe contact the EEZ Board Members on her own. He understood the EEZ Board would provide a report and the Council could make changes then. He also noted a public hearing would be held at the Council level. He commented that he felt the Board had been given a task and understood they were accepting outside input. Ms. Hoppe noted she had already provided input to the Board. Mayor McDavid stated he thought they should give the Board a chance to do its work.

Ms. Hoppe understood the EEZ Board had been given broad authority to review the EEZ program. Mayor McDavid agreed.

Ms. Anthony commented that she hoped the follow up discussions they had with staff were getting back to the EEZ Board as she had received e-mails from some Board Members asking for guidance.

Mr. Kespohl asked if the EEZ Board meetings were open to the public. Mayor McDavid replied yes.

Ms. Hoppe asked staff to determine whether Council needed to rescind the portion of the ordinance that dealt with the EEZ area previously passed since the designated area
would likely change. Mr. Boeckmann stated that would be included in the report to Council regarding the question of a charter change in terms of eminent domain.

Ms. Anthony commented that she had been pleased with the turnout and discussion at the EEZ question and answer session.

Mayor McDavid noted the Columbia Police Officers Association (CPOA) had asked to speak with him and he believed the discussion had been productive. He commented that he had suggested a point of contact survey be conducted whereby citizens were asked to say how they were treated, and understood a survey was being done and that the results were positive. He asked staff to provide a report with regard to whether this survey was being done and the results of the survey.

Mr. Thornhill thanked staff for hosting the town hall meetings for street projects. Although he did not have the turnout he had hoped for, he thought those meetings provided good information. He was happy those meetings were being facilitated.

Mr. Thornhill commented that he had been contacted by a constituent that was concerned about the lack of a quorum at a recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He felt that was disrespectful of staff time, the applicant’s time, etc. He was unsure of the process, but thought it was something that needed to be fixed so it did not occur again.

Ms. Hoppe thought staff could verify who would be attending the morning of those meetings.

Ms. Anthony stated she had the opportunity to speak with Dough Wheeler, the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and was told this was a rare situation and that they would be taking action regarding attendance at their next meeting.

Mr. Thornhill understood an agreement had been worked out with regard to the Beta House and asked about the status of the project and agreement. Ms. Amin noted the Board of Adjustment had granted the variance for the project to proceed. Mr. Thornhill stated he understood the variance had been granted, but wanted to know about the agreement that was involved. Mr. Boeckmann explained there was no agreement involving the City. Mr. Thornhill understood any money that was paid did not involve the City. Mr. Boeckmann stated that was correct. It had nothing to do with the City. Mayor McDavid understood the City did not sue anyone, was not part of any lawsuit and did not receive any money. Mr. Boeckmann stated he understood something had been worked out between the Neighborhood Association and the Beta House, so the neighbors would not oppose it. Ms. Hoppe explained the Neighborhood Association was opposing the variance and had contacted attorneys to challenge the granting of the variance at the Board of Adjustment and at Appellate Court if they lost at the Board of Adjustment. She noted an agreement had been worked out between the architects of the Beta House and the Neighborhood Association. Mayor McDavid asked if money changed hands and if the City received any money. Mr. Thornhill explained he had been asked if the City received money and understood the City had not.
Mr. Kespoohl asked if the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) tax went into effect April 1, 2012. Mr. Boeckmann replied he thought so. Mr. Kespoohl asked if that money was passed through the City or if it would be paid directly to the CID. Mr. Boeckmann replied it would be paid directly to the CID. Mr. Kespoohl did not believe any information had been sent to the merchants and wondered whose responsibility it was. Mr. Schmidt stated he had received a letter from the Department of Revenue, which indicated the taxes would be remitted to the Department of Revenue. He noted he had showed his letter to a couple of his clients and they had not yet received their letters. Mr. Kespoohl understood the Department of Revenue would send the money directly to the CID. Mr. Schmidt stated that was correct. He understood the Department of Revenue collected the sales tax for all agencies, so business entities did not have to pay directly to multiple entities.

Ms. Anthony asked for a report regarding whether the speed on Forum Boulevard near Wilson’s Fitness Center would be changed, and whether the intersection of Woodrail, Woodcrest and Forum Boulevard would be repainted and the trees would be trimmed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk