INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 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 MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY and HOPPE 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 July 16, 2012 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Dudley and a second by Mr. Schmidt.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to remove B187-12 and B207-12 from the introduction and first reading section of tonight’s agenda and to add them to the introduction and first reading section of the August 20, 2012 Council Meeting agenda. She believed the bills involved controversial issues and the delay would allow people to comment after they returned from summer vacation. In addition, she would not be at the August 20, 2012 Council Meeting and the delay would provide her the opportunity to comment as well.

The motion made by Ms. Hoppe to remove B187-12 and B207-12 from the introduction and first reading section of tonight’s agenda and to add them to the introduction and first reading section of the August 20, 2012 Council Meeting agenda was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Ms. Anthony and a second by Ms. Hoppe.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Hussmann - Blight/EEZ Proposal.

Mary Hussmann, 5306 Rice Road, stated she was speaking on behalf of Grass Roots Organizing (GRO), and commented that although the Council had taken steps to enact the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) program, Columbians were not convinced the necessary critical thinking had occurred. She presented a petition signed by over 1,000 Columbians that indicated they wanted the Council to prevent any part of the City of Columbia from being declared blighted to qualify for the EEZ. She noted many did not believe blight existed in
Columbia and others did not believe this was the appropriate way to try to create new jobs or that it did not create enough jobs. She believed the blight designation was fundamentally flawed because the lines mandated by the State were artificial and divisive. The designation would be untrue, unfair and permanent, and would demean the reputation of the community. She felt the majority of Columbia residents were against it and that the EEZ would force taxpayers to invest in the cost of private corporations when there was not evidence the program worked. She noted there was evidence, however, that the EEZ program did not work. She asked the Council to take a critical and contemplative approach with the EEZ program, and to dissolve the EEZ Board as it would not fit the needs of Columbians.

**Justin Thomas - Douglass Park Neighborhood (presentation of summary report on 2012 Douglass Park Forums).**

Justin Thomas, 202 W. Sexton Road, stated he had served as the Secretary of the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association since October 2011, and that this report came from that experience. The first forum was held in January at Douglass High School in response to the closing of the Douglass Park parking lot gate, and approximately 60 people attended. In addition, a second forum was held in April 2012. The report tonight was a compilation of those two meetings. He commented that the community needed to be involved with the plans for Douglass Park, and that there was a shared responsibility between the community and the City in terms of communication. He explained the neighbors wanted an increase in family activities at the Park. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for supporting the neighborhood association in an event held at the Park for Earth Day in April. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, the Police Department, the Douglass Athletic Association and other community groups that had increased activities in the Park over the last several months. He commented that there needed to be better City interdepartmental communication in terms of those involved in the development and planning of the Park, and between the City and the community. He showed the Council photos of the Douglass Park area and pointed out fencing and traffic concerns. He asked the Council to support staff and the community in planning for Douglass Park.

Mayor McDavid asked Mr. Thomas if he would e-mail his report to Council. Mr. Thomas replied he would.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(A)  **Consider route changes to the Columbia Transit System.**

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe stated she received an e-mail from someone who wanted to make a connection to the FastCAT route from another route, and asked how that connection could occur since the FastCAT route did not connect to Wabash Station. She understood the other route dropped the transit customer off at the Wabash Station at 6:40 a.m., and asked when the FastCAT route started since it came close to the Wabash Station. Mr. Glascock commented that he believed it started when the other routes started, but it ran later than the other routes on certain days. Ms. Hoppe asked from where the FastCAT route started. Mr.
Glascock replied he assumed it started near the Wabash Station, but would need to verify the exact location. Ms. Hoppe asked when someone would expect to see a bus. Mr. Glascock replied the FastCAT buses should come to the bus stop every fifteen minutes.

Mr. Kespohl asked if all of the bus routes were being changed to cross the FastCAT route. Mr. Glascock replied no. Ms. Hoppe understood that was the ultimate goal. Mr. Matthes explained the other routes came to within half of a block of the FastCAT route. Mr. Glascock noted the only routes that would potentially cross the FastCAT route were the Black and Gold routes, which were the University of Missouri commuter routes. The other buses came into the Wabash Station.

Mayor McDavid asked if staff had planned to move the Red Route West a half of a block so it stopped at Fifth and Walnut, which was a FastCAT route stop. Mr. Glascock replied they had not planned for that yet. Mayor McDavid commented that he believed there were a lot of possibilities in terms of moving routes a block here and there so they all connected.

Mr. Kespohl asked how many passes the $90,000 from Brookside would cover. Mr. Matthes replied it was one pass per student, and would equal $62.50 divided into $80,000. Mr. Kespohl asked if that included all of their apartment complexes downtown. Mayor McDavid replied yes.

Mr. Kespohl understood eliminating the Orbiter route saved $206,000. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct. Mr. Kespohl noted the City had a $113,000 deficit in terms of paying for the FastCAT route. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct. Mr. Matthes noted candidates had been interviewed for the sales agent position, and the person hired would be responsible for addressing the deficit.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

Cheryl Price, 511 Parkade Boulevard, stated she served on the Services for Independent Living Board and the City’s Disability Commission, and asked if a bus would no longer go by Paquin. Mr. Matthes replied the Red route would be changed to go to Paquin. Ms. Price asked if the only areas that would be dropped were Lenoir and Discovery Drive. Mr. Glascock replied yes. Mr. Price asked if there would be any changes with paratransit. Mr. Glascock replied there would not be any changes for paratransit. Ms. Price thanked staff for working hard to make these changes amenable to the different people that used the transit system.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, stated she was speaking on behalf of the Columbia Climate Change Coalition and the Interfaith Care for Creation and thanked the City for continuing to focus on transportation. She encouraged the City to find ways to fund an expansion in the hours the transit system operated to benefit lower income people that worked weekends or had no other way to get to and from a job.

Tyree Byndom, 501 North Providence Road, commented that he had spoken with many people that lived in Boone County that had issues with transportation and were not on a bus route. He suggested City staff talk to Boone County in an attempt to expand service to other areas, such as off of Scott Boulevard, the Bongor neighborhood, the Lake of the Woods neighborhood, etc., where access to the City was difficult.

There being no further comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.
Mr. Schmidt understood the City did not intend to fund this permanently through the parking fund, so the gap in funding needed to be addressed.

Mr. Trapp stated he was pleased the City was able to expand transit service during a tough budget year.

Mayor McDavid commented that college towns like Iowa City, Ames and Champaign-Urbana had 100 rides per capita while Columbia had less than 20 rides per capita, and he believed Columbia could do better. He felt this was a first step toward reorganization and a more robust transit system that would serve the University and the community, and noted the City could expand routes with a more robust system.

Mr. Trapp made a motion directing staff to proceed with the route changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

PR118-12 Establishing a fund balance reserve policy.

The policy resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Blattel provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe asked why 20 percent was chosen instead of 16 percent since the City had been operating at a 16 percent fund balance reserve in the past. Mr. Blattel replied staff found a range of 16 to 25 percent through its research, and 20 percent was chosen since it was in the middle of the range. He noted 16 percent would essentially cover two months of expenditures, while 20 percent provided an additional cushion. If there was an unforeseen event that required the City to draw down the general fund, the City would still have enough to cover two months of expenditures. He pointed out the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) was also moving in that direction because it was found 16 percent had not been adequate during the latest economic downturn.

Ms. Hoppe understood the City had kept a higher percentage of a reserve in better economic years in the past, and that this policy would not prevent the City from have a larger than 20 percent reserve. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct, and explained this policy only set a benchmark. If the reserve fell below 20 percent, the City would be required to get it back to 20 percent. He noted it could always be higher and was higher today. Mr. Kesploy understood the reserve was at about 23 percent today. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct.

Mr. Schmidt understood the percentage was established as an average over the year because the City could fall below the 20 percent on any given day. Mr. Blattel explained the goal was to keep it at 20 percent. It could fall slightly below that threshold, but staff would then get it back to 20 percent as quickly as possible.

Ms. Hoppe understood there was no provision or language to discourage going below 16 percent, and noted she was concerned that the City would dip into the reserve to address an issue and then have an emergency without sufficient funding in the reserve. She wondered if language should be added, and pointed out the 16 percent allowed the City to continue to have a good bond rating so they did not want to go below it. Mr. Blattel replied he thought it was addressed by the language requiring staff to provide the Council a plan on how the City would get back to at least 20 percent within two years.
Mr. Schmidt asked if it was a Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) or GFOA requirement for this type of policy to be in writing. Mr. Blattel replied it was a GFOA recommendation and a question the bond rating agencies asked. Mr. Schmidt understood this policy would do no less than what the City had been doing for the last 20-30 years informally. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct. This just provided a formal written policy staff could provide to the rating agencies and external auditors.

Ms. Hoppe understood the deterrent for going under 16 percent was the potential of the City losing its good bond rating. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct. He noted that if the reserve fell below 16 percent for a period of time without the City having a plan to raise it back to 20 percent, the external auditors would likely include that finding in the management letter to Council.

Mr. Schmidt commented that if the reserve fell below 10 percent, the City would likely start bouncing check, which was another deterrent. Mr. Blattel explained the City would not bounce checks, but there would be a delay in payments. He pointed out the Council would be required to approve an appropriation to use fund balance, so that was another notification to Council that the reserve would fall below 20 percent.

Mr. Schmidt understood the transit fund was below 20 percent and close to zero, and asked if there was a two year plan for that fund. Mr. Blattel replied there would be an attempt to maintain the other funds at 10 percent because enterprise funds, such as the transit fund, were able to operate at a lower cash reserve due to their size. Mr. Kespohl understood the 20 percent threshold was for the general fund only. Mr. Blattel stated that was correct.

The vote on PR118-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Policy resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

**B172-12 Amending Chapter 29 of the City Code as it relates to the scenic roadway area overlay.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid asked if Rock Quarry Road was the only scenic roadway in Columbia. Mr. Teddy replied yes. Mayor McDavid asked if it was the entirety of Rock Quarry Road or if it ended at Grindstone. Mr. Teddy replied he thought it ended at Nifong Boulevard, and noted he believed there was also a section further south that was in and out of the City limits.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to amend B172-12 by adding “natural and historic” after “…the conservation, preservation and enhancement of the scenic…” in Section 29.21.2(a) so it read “…the conservation, preservation and enhancement of the scenic, natural and historic qualities….” She understood those two had been proposed and agreed upon, but had been left out of the ordinance.

The motion made by Ms. Hoppe to amend B172-12 by adding “natural and historic” after “…the conservation, preservation and enhancement of the scenic…” in Section 29.21.2(a) so it read “…the conservation, preservation and enhancement of the scenic, natural and historic qualities…” was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote.
Mr. Kespohl stated he was concerned with the statement in the ordinance reading the “corridor plan may prohibit larger vehicles from using the road or they may be limited by the city council to preserve the scenic quality of the road” as he believed the Council had voted on this issue previously and had decided large vehicles could not be prohibited. Mr. Teddy commented that he thought the language was permissive in that it would enable this to be a possible outcome of the planning process, but it would not necessarily be a consequence of a scenic road designation. Mr. Kespohl asked if that would go against the vote of Council from a previous meeting. Ms. Hoppe replied no.

Mr. Teddy explained staff was reviewing this ordinance as applicable to the scenic road the City had today and to any future scenic road. Mr. Kespohl asked about the concerns for allowing large trucks on the road and if the road base was not designed for large trucks. Mr. Teddy asked Mr. Kespohl if he was referring to Rock Quarry Road. Mr. Kespohl replied yes. Mr. Teddy understood there were concerns with regard turn radiiuses, etc. In addition, it was not a curb and gutter road, so heavy weighted trucks would be more destructive. Mr. Kespohl asked if City vehicles, such as trash trucks, and school buses currently used the road. Mr. Teddy replied he assumed they did since housing developments had access to the road. Mr. Kespohl stated he thought the language of potentially restricting large trucks should be stricken from the proposed ordinance since Council had already voted on that issue. Ms. Hoppe stated she disagreed and explained it only allowed future Councils and other scenic roads this latitude. It did not contradict what the Council had done in the past. Ms. Anthony understood any corridor plan would have to be approved, and an exception could be made for City or emergency vehicles. It would also allow the ability to restrict tractor trailer trucks on a case by case basis if they were using the road for unnecessary reasons. She agreed it was permissive and required a corridor plan, so the Council had the ability to address the issue when there was a request.

Mr. Kespohl understood a corridor plan was forthcoming. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct, and explained it, like any plan, would not be an ordinance in itself as it would only set goals and objectives. The goals and objectives would be referred to during the subsequent design process at which any alterations or reconstruction of the road and the impact of heavy trucks on the given road would be discussed. Mr. Kespohl asked if the corridor plan could prohibit large trucks. Mr. Teddy replied no, but pointed out a special ordinance could be introduced as a consequence of a plan. Mr. Kespohl noted this bill stated “…the corridor plan may prohibit larger vehicles…” Mr. Teddy commented that ordinarily a plan document would provide a recommendation, and he assumed an amendment of the traffic ordinances would be required to prohibit any type of traffic. Mr. Kespohl stated he did not want the proposed ordinance to trap Council in terms of large vehicles.

Mr. Schmidt commented that he thought it showed intent without locking the Council into a decision.

Mr. Teddy explained that once a road was designated as a “scenic” road, standards would be developed out of a planning process, and an outcome of the planning process might be that the width of the road or some other quality of the road was not conducive to really large vehicles. He noted there was no standard template for a scenic road, and
pointed out that was the purpose of a stakeholder group being involved in a planning process that was followed by a roadway design process.

Mr. Kespolh commented that the language “surrounding area” was used several times in the proposed ordinance and asked for a definition. He wondered if it meant Grindstone and Stadium were a part of the surrounding area. Mr. Teddy stated he thought it meant properties that connected with the corridor. They would not only look at the legal right-of-way, and would include adjacent property. Mr. Kespolh understood anything that connected to Rock Quarry Road was a part of the surrounding area. Mr. Teddy stated that would be his definition, but noted this would not rezone the surrounding properties.

Mr. Kespolh noted there was possible development at the intersection of Rock Quarry and Grindstone, and asked if this would affect that development. Ms. Anthony asked Mr. Kespolh if he was talking about the potential Break Time development. Mr. Kespolh replied possibly. Ms. Anthony stated she understood the scenic road did not extend across Nifong. Mr. Teddy explained the vegetative buffer requirement would apply, but that it was already in the ordinance.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, stated she was speaking on behalf of the Columbia Climate Change Coalition and the Interfaith Care for Creation, and commented that scenic roadways would be good for tourism and historic preservation as these were also historic roads. She believed these were positive reasons to encourage this kind of special characteristic in the community and felt it was advisable for the City to be proactive in terms of scenic roadways and greenbelt areas.

Ms. Hoppe thanked staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission for working on this issue, and noted she agreed with Ms. Welch that scenic roads were often historic and could tie into historic tourism.

Ms. Anthony commented that she believed this was long overdue as Rock Quarry Road had undergone significant changes that had not preserved its natural character over the years. She stated she intended to support the proposed ordinance and looked forward to other roads being designated as scenic.

Mayor McDavid stated he believed this put an impetus on the Council for a robust transit system so 20,000 University of Missouri students were not driving on Rock Quarry Road everyday.

B172-12, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows:

VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE.
VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B174-12 Changing the uses allowed on C-P zoned property located on the east side of State Route B (Paris Road), north of East Brown Station Road and south of the U.S. Highway 63/Paris Road overpass (3300 Paris Road); approving a revised statement of intent; approving the Paris Road Plaza C-P Plan Phase 4.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Ms. Anthony understood the statement of intent was revised after the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to reflect the four conditions that were recommended. Mr. Teddy replied yes, and explained a couple of those conditions had been resolved by making
changes directly to the plan. Ms. Anthony understood the revised statement of intent only included the building height. Mr. Teddy stated that was correct, and noted it was included on the plan as well.

Mr. Kespohl asked if the lights were required to shine on the building. Mr. Teddy replied the lights were downward directed and this was noted on the plan. He pointed out there was a revised statement of intent and a revised plan.

Ms. Anthony asked if the revisions were substantial and if this needed to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review. Mr. Teddy replied these changes were a result of recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Dudley made a motion to amend B174-12 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Kespohl asked if the original Orscheln building had increased in size. Mr. Teddy replied there was a planned building on that site that had a different configuration, and he believed it had increased in size as well. Mr. Kespohl asked if the building had been pushed to the back of the lot. Mr. Teddy replied there might have been some reduction of actual rear distance, but noted he did not know how much.

Mr. Kespohl explained the lights on the Orscheln building shined away from the building and the building was much lower than the land behind it, so the lights shined directly to the base of the trees in the woods and through to the neighborhood behind it. He thought the lights should be turned around to shine on the building. He asked how the lighting would be for the A-frame buildings and if the lights would shine toward the A-frame buildings. Mr. Teddy replied the City’s lighting ordinance did not allow adjacent residential property to be exposed to glare. In addition, a certain candle power value could not be exceeded at the residential property line. He noted staff could check on the existing lighting situation. Mr. Kespohl asked if the lighting situation could be addressed in this proposal. Mr. Teddy replied it was not owned by the individual making this request, although it was a part of the C-P zoned tract. He noted staff would need to conduct an inspection at night to determine if there was a problem that needed to be addressed.

Garrett Taylor, an attorney with offices at 1103 East Broadway, stated he was speaking on behalf of Paris Road Plaza LLC and noted he was available to answer any questions.

B174-12, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B180-12 Appropriating funds for consultant services for the assessment, preparation and implementation of revisions to the City of Columbia zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Mr. Kespohl asked if there was an anticipated timeline for this project. Mr. Teddy replied he thought it would take a minimum of 12 months, but 18 months was more common, so it would be a multi-year effort.
Ms. Anthony commented that the comprehensive plan had been worked on for a few years and was in the process of being written. She noted it was important to implement the plan, and part of that included an overhaul of the zoning regulations as they were antiquated and did not allow for creative and efficient developments.

Ms. Hoppe stated this was an outgrowth of the visioning process in terms of comprehensive planning and the modernization of zoning, and she agreed extra effort was needed to get it done in order to allow the entire community to benefit from the results.

Mayor McDavid commented that he would support this, but was interested in the outcome because replacing some of the emphasis of use by form could result in some interesting consequences. The issues the Council confronted tended to be use issues. He referred to the issue in the Grasslands in terms of residences being turned into rental units as they looked like homes with regard to form, but were not being used as single family homes.

Ms. Anthony stated she believed there was a misunderstanding in terms of form-based zoning as it was not appropriate in residential areas. It would be an answer to some of the problems in the downtown area, but would not replace the existing overall zoning of the City. It would only provide for another tool to use in specific areas.

Mr. Schmidt thought the consultant would be able to assist with some of these issues in terms of how this had been implemented by other cities.

Ms. Hoppe commented that there were nuances to the form-based zoning process.

B180-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. 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.

B173-12 Approving the Chapel Mills Estates O-P Planned Development located on the northeast corner of Chapel Hill Road and Mills Drive.

B175-12 Approving the Final Plat of The Villas at Old Hawthorne Plat 7, a Replat of a Portion of Lot 5 of Old Hawthorne Plat 1 and Lots 309A-C through 311A-C of The Villas at Old Hawthorne Plat 3, located on Screaming Eagle Lane and east of Old Hawthorne Drive West; authorizing a performance contract.

B176-12 Authorizing an annexation agreement with the Columbia Public School District for property located on the north side of St. Charles Road at Battle Drive, the Battle High School site.

B177-12 Appropriating FY 2012 CDBG and HOME funds.

B178-12 Authorizing construction of the East Side Sidewalk Reconstruction Project, Phase 3; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B179-12 Appropriating anticipated revenues for the operation of the FastCAT route for the remainder of FY 2012.

R119-12 Setting a public hearing: design and construction of an engine/generator set to provide additional capacity at the Landfill Gas Electric Generation Plant.
R120-12 Setting a public hearing: setting property tax rates for 2012 for the City of Columbia.

R121-12 Setting a public hearing: FY 2013 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

R122-12 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the Department of Family and Community Medicine for medical director services.

R123-12 Authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the National Network of Libraries Medicine, MidContinental Region for the health information literacy connectivity collaboration project.

R124-12 Authorizing a license agreement with Mid-Missouri Radio Control Association to use a portion of City-owned land utilized by the Public Works Department for the wastewater treatment plant to fly remote control airplanes for recreational purposes.

R125-12 Authorizing an agreement with Ben E. Colley to allow the salvage of boards from a deteriorated barn on City-owned property.

R126-12 Authorizing a HOME agreement with JES Dev. Co., Inc. for the Gentry Estates housing development for senior citizens.

R127-12 Authorizing a rescission agreement with Mark and Veronica Kloeppel for property located at 711 Mikel Street.

R128-12 Authorizing artist commission agreements for Storm Drain Mural projects.

R129-12 Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to the agreement with Jeffrey L. Bruce & Company, LLC for professional landscape architectural services relating to the Avenue of the Columns streetscape project.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R130-12 Authorizing an agreement for engineering services with TREKK Design Group, LLC for completion of the FY 2012 inflow and infiltration study of the sewer collection system.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid understood staff was proposing a 15 percent sewer rate increase as part of the budget proposal of which 8 percent was to satisfy the bond requirements from 2008 and the other 7 percent was operational, and asked whether this was part of the reason for the operational increase. Mr. Glascock replied this was part of the reason, but operational increases had not been included in 2008 and 2009 due to the economy so they were now catching up as well.

The vote on R130-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:
R131-12  Authorizing agreements for transportation services with CCAL 301 Campus View Dr, LLC and Rock Quarry Properties, LLC d/b/a The Pointe at Rock Quarry Park.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

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

Mr. Kespoohl noted the contract with Campus View included a Section 3.5, which indicated the City could not sell passes to the Gold route on Campus View property, and that it was not included in The Pointe at Rock Quarry Park contract. He asked if that was intentional. Mr. Matthes replied he thought it had been requested by the apartment complex. Mr. Kespoohl understood Campus View wanted it included in their contract and The Pointe at Rock Quarry did not care about it being included in their contract. Mr. Glascock stated he assumed The Pointe was sold out, but Campus View had University students as well.

Mayor McDavid stated he was hopeful the City could capture some of the other apartment complexes in the south part of town as it would help the fiscal vitality of the transit system. He commented that Columbia was driven by the students of the University of Missouri, and he believed it was the City’s obligation to ensure they had a way to get to and from campus. He noted he looked forward to an increase in collaboration with the University. He understood the University had a walkable campus for the 8,000 students on campus, but almost 25,000 students resided off-campus. He felt this was a great first step to provide a better and more robust transit system.

The vote on R131-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDavid, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R132-12  Approving the Preliminary Plat of Red Oak South located south of the Grindstone Parkway and Grindstone Plaza Drive intersection.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

The vote on R132-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: MCDavid, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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

B181-12  Approving the C-P Plan of Red Oak of Columbia located south of the Grindstone Parkway and Grindstone Plaza Drive intersection.

B182-12  Approving the Final Plat of Centerstate Plat 13 located on the east side of U.S. Highway 63, between the Mexico Gravel Road and Vandiver Drive roundabouts; authorizing a performance contract.

B183-12  Approving the Final Plat of Copperstone Plat 7, a Replat of portions of Copperstone Plats 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, located south of Vawter School Road and east of Scott Boulevard.
B184-12 Approving the Final Plat of The Gates Plat 1 located on the south side of Old Plank Road, southwest of the Route K and Old Plank Road intersection; authorizing a performance contract.

B185-12 Approving the Final Plat of Copperstone Plat 2C, a Replat of Lot 206 of Copperstone Plat 2, located on the east side of Scott Boulevard and south of Vawter School Road.

B186-12 Authorizing amendments to the CHDO agreements with Central Missouri Community Action; appropriating funds.

B188-12 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to traffic restrictions on a portion of Rollins Street.

B189-12 Authorizing construction of the Valley View Pump Interceptor Sewer Project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B190-12 Authorizing construction of sidewalks along the west side of Fairview Road from Fairview Elementary School to north of Rollins Road, and along the south side of Rollins Road from Fairview Road to Cambridge Drive, and construction of a mini roundabout at the intersection of Fairview Road and Rollins Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B191-12 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of sidewalks along the west side of Fairview Road from Fairview Elementary School to north of Rollins Road, and along the south side of Rollins Road from Fairview Road to Cambridge Drive, and construction of a mini roundabout at the intersection of Fairview Road and Rollins Road.

B192-12 Authorizing a right of use permit with Bluebird Network, LLC to install a fiber optic telecommunications cable within City rights-of-way.

B193-12 Authorizing a special warranty deed to transfer title of property acquired as part of the Hominy Branch and Ballenger Lane extension projects back to Frech Leasing Company, LLC.

B194-12 Accepting certain streets for public use and maintenance.

B195-12 Appropriating funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2011 winter blizzard to the passenger terminal upgrade project at the Columbia Regional Airport.

B196-12 Accepting conveyances for sewer and temporary construction purposes.

B197-12 Authorizing design and construction of an engine/generator set to provide additional capacity at the Landfill Gas Electric Generation Plant; providing for request for proposals through the Purchasing Division; appropriating funds.

B198-12 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.

B199-12 Authorizing the acquisition of property located at 405 North Fifth Street for park purposes.

B200-12 Accepting a grant from The Missouri Foundation for Health for basic support funding to supplement operating costs of the Department of Public Health and Human Services; authorizing a grant agreement; appropriating funds.

B201-12 Authorizing an amendment to the employment agreement with Michael Matthes as City Manager for the City of Columbia.
B202-12 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to conflicts of interest and financial disclosure procedures.

B203-12 Amending Chapter 18 of the City Code relating to the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for police and fire pension plans.

B204-12 Setting property tax rates for 2012.

B205-12 Adopting the FY 2013 Annual Budget for the City of Columbia.

B206-12 Amending Chapter 6 of the City Code relating to building permit fees.

B208-12 Amending Chapter 11 of the City Code relating to Public Health and Human Services Department fees.

B209-12 Amending Chapter 17 of the City Code relating to Parks and Recreation fees.

B210-12 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code relating to parking fees for unmetered off-street facilities.

B211-12 Amending Chapters 13 and 22 of the City Code relating to sewage service utility rates.

B212-12 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code relating to the Solid Waste District boundary, services and fees.

B213-12 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code relating to service fees, security deposits and water service line fees.

B214-12 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code relating to electric rates.

B215-12 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code relating to water rates.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP118-12 Street Closure Requests - Mid Mo Pride Fest and Harvest Hootenanny.

Mayor McDavid asked staff if all of the abutting property owners were in agreement to the closure for the Mid Mo Pride Fest. Ms. Rhodes replied yes. Mayor McDavid understood there was no dispute. Ms. Rhodes stated that was correct.

Mr. Trapp made a motion to approve the street closure as requested by the Mid Mo Pride Fest and the waiver of the open container ordinance as requested by the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture for its Hootenanny event. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP119-12 Nonconforming Uses - Land Made Nonconforming by Acquisition of Property for Right-of-Way.

Mr. Matthes provided as staff report.

Mr. Kespohl made a motion to refer the proposed ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP120-12 Parks and Recreation Vehicle Maintenance Building.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.
Mr. Schmidt made a motion directing staff to proceed with the building project to include contracting with an architect for design. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP121-12  Issue Parking Tags to Lee Elementary School for Volunteers.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report and noted this was what the ordinance allowed. He understood this was not what Lee School wanted and that Ms. Hoppe had suggested a simpler solution. He explained the ordinances allowed the City Manager to conduct pilot projects involving traffic for up to 90 days, so that was an alternative.

Ms. Hoppe commented that a productive meeting had been held last week she believed the resolution of phasing in traffic calming was great. She noted she was concerned about this approach to the parking situation because the School was looking for something better than what they currently had. This proposal would actually be worse since they could currently park for 20 minutes without paying a meter. She explained the goal was to provide hang tags so volunteers or parents could park for a longer period of time, and asked the City Manager to create a pilot program for hang tags in coordination with the Lee School Principal and PTA President until an ordinance for hang tags was created.

Mayor McDavid asked if any action was needed since Mr. Matthes was empowered to create the pilot project. Mr. Matthes replied he wanted some consensus from the Council prior to moving forward. He thought the hang tags made sense for this situation and noted they were looking at this for other areas of town with severe parking issues. He believed it would be good to try and work out any problems in this one block area prior to moving forward with an entire neighborhood.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to approve a three month pilot project using hang tags for volunteer parking at Lee Elementary School.

Mr. Matthes understood the School would create the hang tags. Ms. Hoppe stated that was correct.

Mr. Schmidt asked if the pilot could be 90 business days so it was the length of a semester. Mr. Boeckmann replied the ordinance stated 90 days. Mr. Matthes explained staff would provide Council with an indication as to whether the pilot project was working within 90 days, and that would allow Council the opportunity to pass an ordinance that would establish it for a longer term.

The motion made by Mayor McDavid to approve a three month pilot project using hang tags for volunteer parking at Lee Elementary School was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP122-12  Murfreesboro Drive - Reduce Speed or Traffic Calming.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid wondered if it would be appropriate for a motorcycle police officer to monitor the situation for a few days over a two week period as he believed it would be perceived as good customer service by the neighborhood.

Ms. Hoppe understood the 85th percentile was 34 miles per hour and traffic calming would be triggered if it had been 35 miles per hour, so they were at the edge of needing
traffic calming. Mr. Glascock explained this was a short block and the speed was at 29 miles per hour east of Younger and even lower afterwards. Cars coming off of Grace Lane were traveling fast, but traffic slowed as they entered the neighborhood. Ms. Hoppe suggested enforcement and a review of the situation again if it did not improve.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification regarding the traffic calming that could be done if the neighborhood paid for it. Mr. Glascock replied the City could install kid-friendly speed limit signs as a reminder. The City would install those types of signs in situations where there was an average daily traffic (ADT) greater than 1,000, but it was not that high here. The neighborhood could purchase the sign if they wanted. Mr. Kespohl asked for the cost of the signs. Mr. Glascock replied $77.00. Mr. Schmidt asked if the neighborhood had expressed an interest in purchasing signs. Mr. Glascock replied he was not sure staff had specifically discussed it with the neighborhood. He noted he agreed with Mayor McDavid with regard to enforcement and stated he would talk to the Police Department.

Mr. Schmidt commented that some on the Council liked the idea of the traffic calming as long as the City could afford to do it. He noted staff would want to take into account what traffic calming would do to Volunteer Drive prior to proceeding as well.

Mayor McDavid understood this report had been provided for informational purposes. Mr. Matthes stated the City would provide some targeted enforcement in the area.

REP123-12  Fifth and Walnut Garage Closed During Memorial Day Parade.

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

REP124-12  Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.

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

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Kathleen Weinschenk, 1504 Sylvan Lane, congratulated Mayor McDavid for the FastCAT route and thanked the Council for doing a wonderful job.

Mr. Schmidt thanked and congratulated all of the groups that had worked in the Douglass Park area, and in particular the Columbia Police Department and the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Schmidt commented that the area around Lee Elementary School was a good place to experiment with parking tags since there was an immediate need and demand in a small area. He felt Columbia was reaching a point whereby the City might want to look at parking restrictions in certain neighborhoods, such as the Grasslands and Benton-Stephens. He thanked Ms. Hoppe for following up on this issue with Lee Elementary.

Mr. Dudley thanked staff for placing sample trash bins in the City Hall lobby and noted he looked forward to them being at the Columbia Mall, the ARC and at other places around town so the public could see them.
Ms. Hoppe thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for following up on the tree she reported to them as potentially being dead in Stephens Lake Park. She understood they had cleared the brush and trimmed the tree, and it was alive and looked great.

Mr. Kespolh commented that he toured the Benton-Stephens neighborhood as a result of Kurt Albert speaking about sidewalks at the previous Council meeting, and noted there were no sidewalks on McAllister, Amelia, Gordon, Moss, Woodrow, Ann or the east side of Melbourne Street. He stated those areas needed to be addressed at some point in the future.

Mr. Trapp stated Ken Midkiff wrote an editorial indicating there were signs on the Flat Branch Creek with regard to not having human contact with the water, and asked if that would be appropriate for the Hinkson Creek in terms of safety as it was something the City planned to address. He noted Mr. Midkiff had commented that he would not live to see the Hinkson Creek be clean enough for human contact, which he took as a challenge.

Ms. Hoppe explained kayakers and neighbors used the Hinkson Creek regularly and stated she would hate to see signs telling people they could not get in the creek. She noted she did not believe anyone swam in it, but people waded in it. She stated it was used even though it needed to be improved. Mr. Trapp understood the signage indicated the risk and did not indicate someone could not get into the creek, and that it was stop gap solution until the Hinkson Creek was cleaned up.

Mr. Trapp explained he attended Project Homeless Connect and noted they were able to identify 182 unsheltered individuals on July 25, 2012, so homelessness continued to be an issue. He hoped the City would take a proactive approach for a winter shelter this winter. He understood churches had come together in the past and provided volunteer labor, but very few people were actually able to be sheltered. He suggested the City increase its efforts for their most vulnerable citizens so there were not any exposure deaths.

Mr. Kespolh commented that he had three tenants in his downtown building, which had a master water meter, and noted he was willing to pay three sewer bills. He challenged staff to figure out how to address this situation in the billing system. He also challenged other businesses and building owners to step up and do the same as it was the right thing to do. Those on a master meter with other tenants were underpaying in terms of sewer, and it would cost the residents of the community if it was not corrected.

Mayor McDavid commented that he had asked Mr. Boeckmann to review the State statute which limited the hotel occupancy tax to five percent when used for a convention center a few meetings ago because the City might have the opportunity to add more air service and would need to fund a larger terminal. In addition to the question of whether the City could ask its citizens by vote to increase the hotel occupancy tax to seven percent to fund airport terminal infrastructure, he wanted to know if the City could legally impose an airport infrastructure development fee on hotel occupants. He understood Kansas City had a
7-7 ¼ percent occupancy tax and a room fee of $1.70, and when added together it totaled over nine percent, so he wondered what could be done in Columbia.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk