INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 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 HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY and ANTHONY were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting of October 12, 2012, the regular meeting of October 15, 2012 and the special meeting of October 22, 2012 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Ms. Hoppe and a second by Mr. Dudley.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kespohl made a motion to remove R191-12 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Trapp made a motion to move B286-12 from the consent agenda to old business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Anthony made a motion to move B295-12 from the consent agenda to old business. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The agenda, as amended, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Kespohl and a second by Mr. Trapp.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

Christiane Quinn, Co-Chair of the Columbians for Modern, Efficient Transit (CoMET) Campaign - Update regarding recommendations for improving transit service in Columbia as a result of the Community Conversations.

Christiane Quinn, 719 West Broadway, explained the vision of CoMET was to have a modern and efficient transit system that would enrich lives and support the success of individuals, organizations and businesses in Columbia by providing reliable and convenient transportation service that promoted health, opportunity and sustainability. She noted CoMET had partnered with the Council in holding four community conversations, which had led to several recommendations for improving transit service in Columbia. She explained her
personal involvement with CoMET started in 2010 when her son lost his ability to go to school by riding the City bus due to bus route and schedule changes. Her son did not qualify for Columbia Public School bus service since they lived close to the school, and the new route put her son at school 45 minutes before it started. She believed the City’s transit system could be designed to serve the general public and Columbia Public Schools students as this would allow young people to value public transportation. She thanked Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Hoppe, Mr. Dudley and Ms. Anthony for hosting community conversations, and provided an updated report to Council. She explained one recommendation was to develop more user friendly information on how to use the bus system. She understood the City had hired a Transit Marketing Specialist and believed this person would soon fulfill that goal. Two other recommendations were to explore and advance different funding sources and to launch a high level multi-jurisdictional transit planning process that included the City of Columbia, the University of Missouri, Columbia Public Schools, the Chamber of Commerce and major employers in Columbia. She commented that the report indicated 75 percent of students supported an activity fee for transit service, and over 55 percent were willing to pay $16.00 or more for the semester. She believed there were other opportunities in terms of transit funding as well, such as increasing the public transportation sales tax by one percent, adding a component for public transportation in the hotel tax, or creating a utility fee for transit. She also thought the budget should include an allocation dedicated specifically for transit. She encouraged Council to work with the Columbia Public Schools and the University of Missouri to design a bus system for everyone, and asked the Council to discuss the suggestions made for a better public transportation system. She also asked Council to keep in mind the population segment that depended solely on public transportation, and noted they would benefit as a result of this coordination.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B285-12 Changing the name of a portion of Ballenger Lane, located between Clark Lane and approximately 400 feet north of Ria Street, to Hector Place.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.
Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.
Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.
There being no comment, Mayor McDavid closed the public hearing.

Mr. Kespohl commented that he had several visits from members of the nearby church and they did not have an issue with the renaming of the street, but they were concerned with the ability for people to see the church from Clark Lane and wanted a driveway that would exit onto McKee. He asked if this had progressed. Mr. Teddy replied staff had not seen a plan, but it had been discussed. He understood they had also mentioned a new ground sign that would help with visibility.

B285-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:
Construction of the Ash Street and Hubbell Street storm water management project.

Item A was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe asked when this project would begin. Mr. Glascock replied the project would be completed by the developer, so he did not know when it would begin. He thought it would be constructed prior to the construction of the garage and estimated it would be installed by the spring of 2013.

Mr. Kespohl asked if the new stormwater sewer that had been installed in the alley to the west tied into this stormwater project. Mr. Glascock replied it tied into the system.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

Pat Fowler, 606 N. Sixth Street, stated she represented the North Central Columbia Neighborhood Association and noted this stormwater pipe was of some concern to the neighborhood given the development pressure in the area. She asked if City staff was concerned with obtaining the necessary easements for this project. Mr. Glascock replied staff would need to obtain easements along Ash Street as the other easements were on the development. Ms. Fowler understood the easements on the Odle property were not a concern, and asked who had the rights to the easements on Ash Street. Mr. Glascock replied staff would need to obtain easements from the Boone County Family Resource Center and the house at 114 Ash Street. Ms. Fowler asked how far out the City was in terms of acquiring easements and calling for bids. Mr. Glascock replied staff would start obtaining easements after the public hearing assuming Council provided authorization to proceed. Ms. Fowler asked if staff anticipated any difficulty collecting the easements and if staff had been in contact with the owners about the easements. Mr. Glascock replied he did not believe staff had discussed this issue with the property owners. Ms. Fowler explained this was a matter of urgency and hoped it was constructed before there was a water disaster in the neighborhood. She stated the neighborhood wanted this project to proceed quickly and asked that they be informed of any roadblocks.

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

Ms. Hoppe commented that this was a needed project and she was glad it was moving forward.

Mayor McDavid made a motion directing staff to proceed with the acquisition of easements necessary for this stormwater project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

B286-12 Approving the Final Plat of Wyndham Ridge, Plat No. 2 located east of Scott Boulevard on Abercorn Drive; authorizing a performance contract.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes explained the applicant had asked for this item to be tabled to the January 7, 2013 Council Meeting.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to table B286-12 to the January 7, 2013 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.
B287-12  Authorizing a new performance contract with DFR, LLC in connection with the approval of the Final Plat of Deerfield Ridge Plat 2.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

B287-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B288-12  Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to allow for reduced pricing of mid-semester bus passes.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid stated he believed this was a good idea and felt there should be even more flexibility. He thought it would be useful to go down to a quarter fare for the last month of the semester in order to continue to market the system. He commented that he also wanted staff to come up with other ways to sell passes. He understood currently someone had to physically go to the Wabash Station to purchase a pass. He thought staff should look into internet sales, card readers on buses for student id’s, etc.

Mr. Schmidt understood an idea to allow the retail stores in the downtown to sell bus passes had been shot down, and suggested that idea be looked into again. He believed the marketing specialist needed more tools and authority to respond to market conditions.

Mr. Dudley suggested the ability to purchase passes at the Ellis Library as well.

Ms. Hoppe asked if people could purchase bus passes at City Hall. Mr. Glascock replied they could not at this time. Ms. Hoppe believed people should be able to purchase passes at City Hall.

Mr. Schmidt stated he believed retailers and the banks should sell passes for a small service fee in order for it to be available where customers tended to be.

Mr. Matthes explained staff would continue to pursue other options as there were many options. Currently, bus passes could be purchased at the Wabash Station and through the Transit Marketing Specialist. Mr. Trapp stated he was pleased to know the City was trying to add more flexibility.

B288-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B289-12  Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to change the speed limit on a portion of Forum Boulevard.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mr. Kespohl asked if it had been striped. Mr. Glascock replied he was not sure, but doubted it had been. Mr. Kespohl understood it was ready for striping. Mr. Matthes stated that was correct.
Ms. Anthony thanked staff as there had been a lot of back and forth on whether this speed limit should be changed. She thought it would make a big difference and noted the neighbors were pleased for the reduced speed limit. She understood a lot of changes were in the works for this area and thought this would be a good start.

Mr. Kespohl asked if the bike lane had been temporarily removed from the bridge. Mr. Glascocks replied he did not believe there was ever a bike lane there. He thought the shoulder had been used in the past. Mr. Schmidt agreed and noted the shoulder varied from about 3-5 feet.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had tried to get the speed limit changed for this area some years ago, but had been unsuccessful, and noted she was glad to see it moving forward now.

B289-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B295-12 Amending the FY 2013 Annual Budget to add and delete positions in the Water and Light Department; amending the FY 2013 Pay Plan and Classification Plan to reclassify, make a title change and close positions in the Water and Light Department.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report.

Mr. Kespohl understood these personnel changes would net a zero budget difference. Mr. Johnsen explained that was correct for phase one of these changes. He noted he anticipated a reduction of one employee once phase two was finalized. Mr. Kespohl understood Council would see that in the budget for next year. Mr. Johnsen stated that was correct.

Ms. Anthony explained Council had received a letter from Mr. Weitkemper and asked if staff had a response. Ms. Buckler replied the ordinance allowed these types of changes during non-budget time, and noted it had been done routinely since at least 1990 to ensure departments operated adequately. She pointed out this would not result in a pay increase for anyone.

B295-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. 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.

B290-12 Authorizing the construction of a sidewalk along the north side of Texas Avenue from Garth Avenue to Providence Road; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B291-12 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of a sidewalk along the north side of Texas Avenue from Garth Avenue to Providence Road.
B292-12 Authorizing a grant of easement for utility purposes to Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, relating to the Short Street parking garage project.

B293-12 Authorizing grant agreements with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for the purchase of rear-loading recycling containers and outdoor recycling displays; appropriating funds.

B294-12 Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to remove the Planning and Zoning Commission liaison requirement from the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission and the Environment and Energy Commission.

R188-12 Setting a public hearing: construction of street improvements on Providence Road, from Turner Avenue to Stadium Boulevard, to include reconfiguration and construction of signalized intersections on Providence Road and construction of a new residential street in the Grasslands Subdivision between Bingham Road and Burnam Road.

R189-12 Setting a public hearing: construction of park improvements at Jay Dix Station.

R190-12 Setting a public hearing: upgrade of the railroad active warning device at the Columbia Terminal Railroad's (COLT) intersection with College Avenue (MO 763).

R192-12 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the south side of Stanley Pitts Lane, east of Sinclair Road.

R193-12 Setting a public hearing: voluntary annexation of property located on the west side of Bearfield Road, approximately 1,800 feet south of Nifong Boulevard.

R194-12 Authorizing an agreement with Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri for Title X Family Planning Services.

R195-12 Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of its Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, for emergency veterinary services.

R196-12 Authorizing a hospital/ancillary provider credentialing application with Home State Health Plan.

R197-12 Authorizing an agreement with First Night Columbia, Inc. for support of the New Year’s Eve Celebration; and authorizing the City Manager to provide City support services.

R198-12 Accepting a grant from the Missouri Arts Council for community arts programs.

R199-12 Transferring excess funds used to install lighting for the Percent for Art “Communitas” sculpture at Fire Station No. 9 back to the Share the Light program.

R200-12 Transferring funds for the Columbia Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility improvement project.

R201-12 Authorizing an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a State Revolving Fund loan under the Missouri Clean Water Law for construction of the North Grindstone Outfall Extension Phase III sewer project.

R202-12 Authorizing an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a State Revolving Fund loan under the Missouri Clean
Water Law for construction of the Upper Hinkson Creek Outfall Extension sewer project.

R203-12 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for construction phase services relating to the installation of a wildlife deterrent fence at the Columbia Regional Airport.

R204-12 Consenting to an assignment of the airport lease agreement for operation and maintenance of a Doppler radar system at the Columbia Regional Airport with Benedek Broadcasting Corporation to NPG of Missouri.

R205-12 Authorizing a temporary appointment to the Hinkson Creek Collaborative Adaptive Management Agreement Action Team.

R206-12 Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. for engineering services relating to the Route 740 (Stadium Boulevard) improvement project.

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

NEW BUSINESS

R207-12 Calling a Special Election on February 5, 2013 to elect a Council Member for Ward 5.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Boeckmann provided a staff report.

Mr. Dudley asked if there was anything in the resolution that indicated they could not hold the election in April. Mr. Boeckmann replied this resolution would set the election for February. If Council wanted to put it off until April, staff would have to come back to Council with a new resolution for an April election. Mr. Dudley stated his concern was that candidates for Ward 5 would only have four months to campaign, while those scheduled for the April election had six months to campaign.

Mayor McDavid asked for the cost of the special election. Mr. Boeckmann replied the estimate he had received from the County Clerk was $10,000-$15,000.

Mr. Schmidt asked if there was a possibility for anything else to be added to the election so they could share in the cost. Mr. Boeckmann replied it was unlikely. He explained the legislature restricted the February election to bond issues and a few other things, such as filling vacancies.

Mr. Kespohl asked if Council could set the date even though the seat had not yet been vacated. Mr. Boeckmann replied he thought they could, based upon the resignation with an effective date that was prior to the date of the special election.

Don Stamper stated he was a lobbyist with offices at 2604 North Stadium Boulevard and questioned whether the City had the authority to call an election before the position was actually vacant because the Charter was vague or absent on the issue and appeared to recognize a vacancy only when a vacancy was created. He also wondered why this was not an ordinance as it was normally an ordinance requiring multiple readings and whether it was
wise to begin taking applicants for a position before it was vacant. He noted Ms. Anthony could change her mind. He commented that this created a short filing period and campaign period, and noted there was an opportunity to combine this with the April election, which would save $10,000-$15,000, create greater democracy and promote a greater level of activity in the community.

Ms. Anthony stated she would not change her mind and noted her last day would be November 30, 2012. She commented that she felt terrible about not filling her term. Her worry was that there were a lot of issues needing to be addressed that involved the Fifth Ward, such as the electric transmission line issue and a few pending zoning applications, and having the position vacant for a longer period would be detrimental to the citizens of the Fifth Ward. The seat would only be vacant for two months if the election was held in February, but if held in April, it would be vacant for another two months. She understood it would cost $10,000-$12,000 more, but believed the residents of the Fifth Ward needed to be represented for those additional two months and that this was a small amount of money in terms of providing that representation. She commented that the term of the person elected would be short as it would be for the remainder of her term, so it would be about a year if the person was elected in February. It was not a three year term. She asked Council to set the election date for February, 2013 so the Fifth Ward could be represented.

Mr. Schmidt stated he agreed with Ms. Anthony. He believed the cost of the election was small in comparison to the residents of the Fifth Ward having representation and felt strongly that the election should be held in February, 2013.

Mr. Trapp commented that he believed having the election in February would allow more attention to be garnered to it than if it had to compete with the items in the April 2013 election, which included two council members and the mayor. He suggested they hold the election in February.

Ms. Hoppe stated she agreed it was important for the residents of the Fifth Ward to have someone who understood and lived in the Fifth Ward, and believed they deserved to have that representation as soon as possible. She pointed out campaigns did not typically gear up until a couple of months before the election, so she believed there was sufficient time for the candidates to communicate with the voters and for the voter to know the candidates in an effort to make a good decision.

Mr. Kespohl stated his concern was with the legality of setting the date of a special election prior to the position being vacant, but Mr. Boeckmann had assured him that it was okay, so he was satisfied.

The vote on R207-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: HOPPE, MCDAVID, SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY. 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.
B300-12 Approving the Final Plat of Shelter Insurance Subdivision – Plat 3, a Replat of Lot 2 Shelter Insurance Subdivision – Plat 2, located on the northeast corner of Stadium Boulevard and Broadway.

B301-12 Amending the FY 2013 Annual Budget to add and delete positions in the Public Works Department; amending the FY 2013 Pay Plan and Classification Plan to reclassify positions in the Public Works Department.

B302-12 Authorizing construction of the Sunset Lane PCCE #19 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water, Sidewalk and Traffic Calming Improvement Project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B303-12 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Sunset Lane PCCE #19 Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water, Sidewalk and Traffic Calming Improvement Project.

B304-12 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of the Ash Street and Hubbell Street storm water management project.

B305-12 Authorizing an agreement with Boone Electric Cooperative to provide primary electric service for the Deerfield Ridge Pump Station.

B306-12 Authorizing a right of use permit with MM II, LLC to allow construction and maintenance of private canopies to extend within a portion of the right-of-way located at 308 South Ninth Street.

B307-12 Authorizing a gas main extension guarantee agreement with Ameren Missouri for the provision of natural gas service to the Columbia Wastewater Treatment Facility.

B308-12 Authorizing a charitable contribution agreement with Lake of the Woods South, LLC and JJ Bull Run, LLC for the donation of property located on Port Way; authorizing a stormwater facility easement.

B309-12 Authorizing a contract for sale of real estate with Helen M. Jackman for the purchase of property located at 20 East Worley Street; appropriating funds.

B310-12 Appropriating funds for the construction of traffic calming devices on Bourn Avenue.

B311-12 Authorizing and accepting a conveyance for street purposes; accepting conveyances for temporary construction, sewer and access to storm water facility purposes.

B312-12 Accepting Stormwater Management/BMP Facilities Covenants.

B313-12 Authorizing the construction of park improvements at Jay Dix Station; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.

B314-12 Authorizing an upgrade of the railroad active warning device at the Columbia Terminal Railroad's (COLT) intersection with College Avenue (MO 763); calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; appropriating funds; authorizing a supplemental agreement for highway/rail crossing signal improvements with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

B315-12 Authorizing an amendment to the solar demonstration agreement with Dow Chemical Company for construction of a solar photovoltaic array structure located at Tiger Lane and Bernadette Street.

B316-12 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.
B317-12 Amending Chapter 4 of the City Code to add a new Article V pertaining to server certificates.

B318-12 Accepting a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration for the Boone County voluntary national retail food regulatory program standards project; appropriating funds.

B319-12 Accepting a donation from the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition to be used by the Fire Department for public education of home sprinkler systems; appropriating funds.

B320-12 Pertaining to the operation of the Columbia Fire Department and conditions of employment of the Columbia Fire Department personnel.

B321-12 Amending the FY 2013 Annual Budget to add and delete positions in the Finance Department.

B322-12 Proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter for the City of Columbia, Missouri pertaining to the use of eminent domain for economic development and blight; calling a special election to be held on April 2, 2013 on the proposed Charter amendment.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP161-12 Street Closure Request - Wedding at Flat Branch Park.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to approve the street closure as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and approved unanimously by voice vote.

REP162-12 Roll Cart Pilot Program.

Mayor McDavid stated this had been discussed earlier in the evening during the Pre-Council Meeting.

Mayor McDavid made a motion to cancel the roll cart demonstration pilot project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anthony.

Mayor McDavid explained staff had done everything needed in terms of reviewing emerging technologies, etc., but the perception in the community was that roll carts would provide a lower level of customer service than they currently had. He noted this method existed in Jefferson City, Ashland, etc., so they could see how the roll cart program worked. Although he planned to vote against moving forward with the pilot program, he wanted staff to remain highly engaged because he felt the approach of the community would be different as technology continued to grow and change in terms of cost savings or an increase in customer service.

Ms. Hoppe commented that two of the areas for the proposed pilot program were in the Sixth Ward, and she had contacted the neighborhood associations and had gone door to door to inform people of the proposal and to obtain input. She noted she only received three negative responses to participating in the pilot project as the others were willing to participate in the pilot program or saw the benefits of roll carts. She asked if the pilot project could be done in those two areas and what the cost would be. Mr. Glascock replied the cost to rent the truck would be the same. Ms. Hoppe asked if an existing truck could be used along with roll carts. Mr. Wieman replied it was possible with existing equipment and manpower, but the roll carts would still need to be rented. It would be semi-automated system as the carts
would be brought to the trucks to be dumped via cart tippers. Ms. Hoppe thought this would collect some information in terms of the reactions of people and the pros and cons for future use.

Ms. Anthony wondered what the true value of the pilot program would be in terms of results if they were not using the equipment they would eventually need to use.

Mr. Schmidt agreed, and stated he would vote in favor of canceling the roll cart demonstration pilot project.

Mr. Trapp commented that he was supportive of the pilot program because it would carry on an important conversation in terms of worker safety, but there was such opposition that he felt they needed to maintain unanimity with the community in that this might not be the right time for such a proposal. He believed there were possibilities with the proposal, but felt the money spent on the pilot program might not bring any tangible benefit to the City. He agreed with Mayor McDavid in that it could be brought back for consideration in the future.

Mr. Dudley stated this was one of the most divisive issues that had come before the Council during his time on Council. He suggested they not move forward with the pilot program at this time, but thought it could be brought back for consideration in a few years. He thought the City needed to better educate the public on the reason it was beneficial, and suggested a 5 and 10 year report on the projected savings.

Ms. Hoppe thanked the two areas of Sixth Ward that had agreed to participate in the pilot program for being open minded, and noted she hoped they could participate in the future.

Mayor McDavid commented that Mr. Wieman was one of his favorite City employees because he had saved the City approximately $400,000 per year by moving to the voucher program.

The motion made by Mayor McDavid and seconded by Ms. Anthony to cancel the roll cart demonstration pilot project was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP163-12  Second Street and Cherry Street Parking.**

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid made a motion directing staff to prepare an ordinance amending Section 14-324 prohibiting parking on the east side of Second Street from Broadway to Cherry Street and on the north side of Cherry Street from Second Street to Providence Road, at all times. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP164-12  Hazardous Tree Removal Report: Nifong, Westwinds & Stephens Lake Parks.**

Mr. Hood provided a staff report.

Mr. Schmidt suggested they allow the public an opportunity to hear about this prior to removing the trees unless there was an imminent threat. Ms. Hoppe commented that she had walked by the tree at Stephens Lake Park and thought it should be removed fairly quickly.
Mayor McDavid made a motion directing staff to proceed with tree removal as outlined in the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kesphol.

Mr. Schmidt thanked staff for allowing this to be discussed at a meeting so the public had a chance to comment.

The motion made by Mayor McDavid and seconded by Mr. Kesphol directing staff to proceed with tree removal as outlined in the report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**REP165-12 Administrative Public Improvement Projects: Lions-Stephens Fitness Trail and Fitness Station Equipment Replacement.**

Mr. Hood provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had contacted the Benton-Stephens Neighborhood and they had assured her today that this looked like what they had agreed upon, so they were okay with staff proceeding.

**REP166-12 Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission Action regarding the Grindstone Trail Project.**

Mr. Schmidt asked if they would hear from any other commissions. Mr. Hood replied yes, and noted the issue was being considered by the Disabilities Commission, the Environmental and Energy Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission was the first report back to Council. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed it at their October meeting, but decided to table any final action on a recommendation until their November meeting.

Mayor McDavid commented that he had expected to support every aspect of the Grindstone Trail, which was roughly from the Grindstone Nature Area off of Highway 63 South to the Maguire Bridge, but he had not known the degree of intrusiveness the trail would place on a few properties. He had been invited to the Baker’s house and it appeared the trail would be extraordinarily intrusive to the backyard of that property and the neighboring property. He understood the City had the right to take the backyard by eminent domain. He categorized the correspondence he had received from people regarding the trail as those in opposition and those who were supportive but did not support the use of eminent domain to acquire the property for the trail. He noted the question became whether they supported the Grindstone Trail with the use of eminent domain, and not just whether they supported the Grindstone Trail. He commented that an alternative solution was a possibility, but he was uncertain as to the cost of an alternate. He explained he and Ms. Hoppe had discussed using the funds to build a trail from the Shepard Boulevard at its intersection at Highway 63, down the hill and across Hinkson Creek, to connect to Rollins as that trail did not have any opposition. It would also include a spur from Pepper Tree to the Hominy Branch Creek. This would connect the neighborhood to trails and the University of Missouri campus. He thought this would allow for more connectivity and the IBM facility would be closer to transportation connectivity.

Ms. Hoppe commented that several years ago, a trail was proposed that would connect to Clyde Wilson Park to the west, across the Hinkson Creek, and that trail had a lot
of opposition. She explained she worked with various interest groups for several years looking for a different and better route, and as a result, they came up with a new route from Old 63 to Clyde Wilson Park that only a few people opposed and 90 percent of the people within the three adjacent neighborhoods supported. She understood the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission had indicated the Grindstone Trail had been identified on the park sales tax ballot for November 2010. She noted this was not specifically mentioned on the ballot and the public did not understand eminent domain would be involved. She felt including a concept of a trail on a ballot circumvented the process established for trails as it did not allow those primarily affected the opportunity to comment and was a disservice to those that voted. She stated she would make a motion for an ordinance to be prepared to ensure only trails that had been vetted through the public process and were engineered would be a part of a ballot issue for funding as this would allow everyone to know exactly what they were voting on.

Mr. Schmidt stated he recalled specific projects being represented to the public to be funded by the park sales tax even though they were not listed on the ballot. He agreed with Ms. Hoppe and Mayor McDavid in that they had two great projects that were comparable in terms of cost.

Mr. Hood explained the 2010 ballot issue did not list specific projects, but Council approved a list of projects that voters were told would be completed if the park sales tax was approved.

Mr. Schmidt commented that both projects were great and had their advantages, but one was acceptable at this time.

Mayor McDavid stated he viewed this as an informational report. Mr. Hood agreed, and explained a public hearing would be held after all four commissions had commented for Council to make a final decision.

Mayor McDavid commented that he did not believe they had understood the significance of the impact of this project on a couple property owners when it was included as a proposal to be funded with the park sales tax, and stated reasonable people changed their minds with changes in the facts.

**REP167-12 Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.**

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

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Richard Shanker, 1829 Cliff Drive, and Chuck and Carol Headley thanked Council for reconsidering the roll cart pilot project. He commented that they had more information to share with Council, which they would provide at a later date, in an effort to alleviate concerns regarding workman compensation costs and to improve the trash collection process.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Rangeline, understood the carbon emissions involved in methane could be more detrimental than the actual gain for those involved in making money off of methane.
Gary Kelley, 901 Range Line, stated he had a few concerns. He commented that if those using skateboards would just go from one destination to another, he would be satisfied, but they were tearing up facilities. He stated he had already seen some chips in the renovated Boone County complex near the columns. He also did not believe the benches in the downtown should be removed as he felt citizens should not be deprived from the comfort of sitting on those benches. He thought the police needed to take action if the benches were not being used properly instead of removing them as that created a hardship for others in the downtown. He asked that the benches be reinstalled. He commented that he also wanted a regulation that required bicyclists to make an announcement or honk a horn from at least 50 feet prior to coming upon pedestrians, so those walking were not run over by the bicyclists.

Heather Demian, 509 Clinkscales Road, commented that the bus stops in Columbia were not wheelchair accessible, and pointed out that providing ramps on the buses did not mean the system was accessible since the bus stops were not accessible. She explained she was dumped into 8 feet of mud in front of Rusk Rehabilitation the last time she rode the bus since the route had changed creating a drop off where there was mud and grass in between the street and the sidewalk, and noted she would not ride the bus again until the stops were accessible. She stated she had also received a copy of the 2005 Sidewalk Plan, and at least half of the sidewalks in the Plan had not been repaired. The sidewalk at the northwest corner of West Worley and West Boulevard at the Health Department was too steep and the sidewalk at Hunt and Pershing was constructed by contractors that did not know the laws as there was an inch gap before the ramps. She explained she had planned to speak to the Disabilities Commission regarding these issues, and noted Dawn Zeterberg, who served on the Disabilities Commission, was also frustrated with the bus system. She stated the bus stop at West Junior High was four feet of mud, and the ramps at the Wabash Station were flat making it too steep for wheelchairs.

Mayor McDavid pointed out Columbia lost a historic figure this past week. He noted Betty McCaskill was the first woman elected to Columbia City Council. She served the Third Ward from April 12, 1971 to October 16, 1972, and resigned when her family moved to Springfield due to a change in her husband’s employment. The official record indicated that when she was sworn in, she stated she hoped to contribute something, not only to the growth of Columbia but to change for progress. She also stated new council members should work for what they conscientiously believed, and invoked “the Good Father’s” help to do the things that were right for the City. He noted the story he had heard from Betty’s daughter, Senator Claire McCaskill, was that after her mother was sworn in, she walked behind the dais, promptly put on a white kitchen apron, stared at the councilmen and folded her hands. He commented that she would be missed.

Mr. Schmidt explained a bike share program had been discussed at an earlier meeting he had participated in with the Columbia Public School Board and the Boone County Commission, and asked for a report to be prepared on a potential bike share program based upon information presented at the meeting. He suggested the Bicycle/Pedestrian
Commission be provided the information discussed regarding a bike share program for their views as well.

Mr. Schmidt explained the Columbia Public Schools had discussed the difficulty of running school buses in terms of logistics, etc., and noted some cities combined their school bus system with their city bus system. He hoped this discussion would continue.

Mr. Dudley thanked staff installing speed bumps on Bourne Avenue.

Mr. Dudley asked for a report regarding the status of restricting left turns on to Broadway at Bourne Avenue, as he understood MoDOT would reconfigure traffic on Broadway near that intersection.

Ms. Hoppe stated the Council had been notified of a meeting regarding planning for Waters Moss on November 29, 2012 and pointed out she and Mr. Trapp would be out of town as they were attending the National League of Cities Conference. She asked that the date be changed so she could attend since this project was in the Sixth Ward.

Ms. Hoppe asked staff to look into the areas mentioned by Ms. Demian as lacking in terms of accessibility at bus stops and to determine whether those areas could be improved if they were deficient.

Ms. Hoppe stated she understood Aspen Heights was supposed to preserve 25 percent of tree cover at the site, which was the old Regency Mobile Home Park site, but that all of the trees had been removed due to a deficiency in the City ordinances. She understood the development chose to preserve trees under the utility wire and the utility company then removed those trees. She asked for a report regarding this situation and for a recommendation to be provided to ensure this did not happen again.

Ms. Hoppe asked for an ordinance to be drafted to ensure future trails were engineered and approved by Council prior to being tied to a park sales tax ballot. This would ensure everyone would know what they were voting on and the public input process would not be circumvented.

As follow up to Mr. Schmidt’s comments, Ms. Hoppe explained part of the discussion at the meeting with Boone County and the Columbia Public Schools included whether the City and Schools could partner to provide a good bus system whereby those in high school could use the public transit system as this would allow the City to better its system while saving the Columbia Public Schools money. She asked staff to follow up on this concept.

Ms. Hoppe commented that there had been discussion regarding the airport in terms of expansion and funding, and the possibility of tying transit to the airport and using a portion of the hotel tax for that purpose. She asked staff to determine whether there was a good argument and connection to be made for increasing the hotel sales tax in order to provide transit service for the hoteliers and the community by providing transit services to and from the airport and hotels while still serving the main population centers.
Ms. Hoppe explained a health impact assessment on transit was currently being done by the Health Department, and that this assessment would be completed in December, 2012. She asked for a work session to be held when the report was completed so they could discuss the health impacts of funding transit in terms of a utility fee or other mechanism.

Mr. Kesphol thanked staff for removing the back-in parking on Ash Street and for allowing for front-in parking.

Mr. Kesphol explained he and Mayor McDavid had asked for a ten year trend analysis similar to what they previously received, and asked about its status.

Mr. Kesphol commented that he wanted metrics established to analyze the 9-1-1 system. He explained he had been contacted by a resident who had been upset by being placed on hold during an emergency. He stated he would like to know the number of calls that were placed to 9-1-1 that were not 9-1-1 emergency issues, and how long people were put on hold when they called 9-1-1 with a legitimate issue. He noted he also wanted the report to show a comparison of the City’s 9-1-1 system compared to other communities.

Mr. Kesphol wondered if the Planning and Zoning Commission had reviewed the proposed street improvements involving Providence Road, Burnam Road and Bingham Road as he felt they should. He also wondered whether the Historic Preservation Commission had been notified since some homes would be removed. He asked that those commissions be provided the opportunity to comment by the time this issue came up for vote on November 19, 2012. In addition, he wondered if a traffic study had been done for the area since it was a drastic change for the neighborhood.

Ms. Hoppe commented that she thought the Historic Preservation Commission had a meeting tomorrow.

Ms. Anthony stated she was not sure that it was appropriate for the Planning and Zoning Commission to review this, but did want to hear from City staff.

Ms. Anthony asked for an update to the September report regarding the number of spay/neuter vouchers that were issued and redeemed. She wanted to know how many vouchers the City had paid for and the amount of money that was left in the spay/neuter account.

Ms. Anthony understood staff was working on finding a homeless shelter, but noted it would soon be cold and thought this was an urgent issue. She asked for a report to be provided at the next Council Meeting regarding the status of finding a homeless shelter.

Ms. Anthony asked for a report regarding handicap accessible bus stops located at the Rusk Rehabilitation Center, the northwest corner of Worley, the corner of Hunt and Pershing, the Wabash Station and West Junior High School per the comments of Ms. Demian earlier in the evening.
Mr. Trapp recalled a gentleman coming to Council because he was not able to use the transit system to take his cat to the veterinarian, and staff had provided a report which had discussed some conflicts, such as pet allergies. He asked for a tailored ordinance to be prepared allowing only cats in pet carriers on the transit system.

Mr. Schmidt stated he thought they already allowed for this. Mr. Trapp explained it had been discussed, but an ordinance to allow this had not been prepared.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin
City Clerk