MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COLUMBIA, MISSOURI MAY 7, 2012

INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 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 SCHMIDT (left at 9:07 p.m.), TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE and MCDAVID were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Hoppe asked that "winning" in the April 16, 2012 special meeting minutes be changed to "win-win."

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2012 and the minutes of the special meeting of April 16, 2012 with the change requested by Ms. Hoppe were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Kespohl and a second by Ms. Hoppe.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

<u>Justin Thomas - Storm and Sewer Water Infrastructure and the documentation recently submitted to the City Council by Bill Weitkemper.</u>

Justin Thomas, 202 W. Sexton Road, understood the City currently had a billing process that used the size of the water meter as a relative measurement for calculating some fees for utilities instead of the number of units served through the meter. Due to an inability to provide a more accurate measurement of water service at some multiple unit facilities, some customers were being overcharged while others were being undercharged, and the reasons had been explained in Mr. Weitkemper's research. In his opinion, this inconsistency in billing had to do with the scale of measurements available for calculating the fees for utilities and the use of certain measurement in the calculations. He wondered if it was worthwhile to provide for more infrastructure in order to obtain more accurate measurements. He thought the sustainability of using the estimate for average water use as a measurement for the purpose of calculating sewer utility fees was questionable. He understood some people did not want to be charged more for watering lawns in the summer, but in the attempt to accommodate this practice, they were promoting the idea that charges for sewer service

were never low enough. He understood water did not go into the sewers, but that seemed to suggest this practice had nothing to do with sewers at all. The ratio of the minimum service charge was important as it was relevant to other discussions, such as economic development, tax abatement and tax increment financing. There was also a disparity regarding how much customers were charged by whether or not they lived within the City limits. In addition, he believed current charges for stormwater utility were not in compliance with current City ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(A) <u>Voluntary annexation of property located on the north side of Smiley Lane, just west of Derby Ridge Drive (1325 Smiley Lane).</u>

Item A was read 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.

OLD BUSINESS

B99-12 <u>Authorizing the issuance of Special Obligation Refunding Bonds (Sewer System Project – Annual Appropriation Obligation) Series 2012B, (Solid Waste System Project – Annual Appropriation Obligation) Series 2012C, and (Electric Utility Project – Annual Appropriation Obligation) Series 2012D.</u>

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

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

Ms. Anthony made a motion to amend B99-12 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mayor McDavid.

Mr. Boeckmann pointed out staff received another revised version at 5:18 p.m., and that version had been e-mailed to Council. Mr. Blattel explained the change was due to the length and size of the electric issue. Flexibility was added at the latter part of the issue to reduce the bond reserve account, so a larger bond reserve would not be needed as the amount owed decreased. Mayor McDavid assumed that change was included in the amendment sheet. Mr. Blattel stated it was included.

The motion made by Ms. Anthony and seconded by Mayor McDavid to amend B99-12 per the amendment sheet was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B99-12, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B100-12 Rezoning property located on the north side of West Green Meadows Road and east of Bethel Street (301 West Green Meadows Road) from R-1 to C-P.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor McDavid explained the Council had received a letter just prior to this meeting indicating the applicant was withdrawing its request for rezoning. As a result, he understood no further action on this item was needed.

Ms. Anthony commented that she believed receiving notice at 3:00 p.m. today asking Council to remand this issue to Planning and Zoning Commission and then withdrawing the request for rezoning just prior to the Council Meeting was unfair to the neighbors. She felt these last minute changes were unacceptable. Mayor McDavid agreed it was disrespectful.

B101-12 Amending the Crosscreek Center C-P Development Plan, located east of U.S. Highway 63 and on the south side of Stadium Boulevard, west of Maguire Boulevard, as it relates to Lot 110 by approving The Domain C-P Plan.

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Mayor McDavid asked where the trail would be located. Mr. Teddy described its location using the map on the overhead.

Ms. Anthony understood this involved a partial release and asked for clarification. Mr. Teddy explained the release involved the portions of the development agreement that had already been completed, such as the roadways and cost participation. There was still the matter of a green space trail easement, and it remained in effect.

Ms. Hoppe commented that the Shepard Boulevard Neighborhood Association was supportive, but had concerns regarding traffic issues, and asked for clarification regarding that issue and the transit element. Mr. Teddy stated a transit route currently passed by the property. He understood the owners were amenable to a transit system and there were a lot of surface parking spaces on the site to accommodate the parking of cars. Typically in a residential community that served college students, peak traffic flow was at a different time than the general peak flow of a roadway system. He did not believe there would be an excessive burden on the performance of the intersections.

Mr. Schmidt asked if the trail was on any of the non-motorized plans or any Parks and Recreation plans for eventual development. Mr. Teddy replied it was included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Schmidt asked if it would be funded through the GetAbout program. Mr. Teddy replied he was not sure, and explained the alignment still had to be determined. Ms. Hoppe understood it would be funded through the parks sales tax.

Mr. Dudley understood this project included four underground stormwater detention areas and asked where the water in those areas would exit. Mr. Teddy replied there would be outlets in various locations and noted the discharge would be in the direction of the creek.

Ms. Hoppe commented that she had previously raised the concern of cars traveling too fast from Highway 63 and not always stopping at the light at Audubon and Stadium, which resulted in a few collisions, and wanted to be ensured staff had contacted the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to determine if the speed limit could be reduced between Highway 63 and Audubon since this development would make the situation worse. Mr. Matthes stated staff would continue to press the issue.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to amend B101-12 per the amendment sheet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Hollis, an attorney with offices at 1103 E. Broadway, noted this would have been on the consent agenda had it not been for the addition of the partial release agreement.

Ms. Anthony understood the partial release had not been presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Hollis stated it was added after the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification regarding the necessity of the partial release. Mr. Hollis replied lenders had been concerned with the possibility of liability under the old development agreement even though all the work had been performed.

Ms. Hoppe commented that she knew the neighbors were pleased with the change as they felt it would provide a more active and upscale potential to the area than a dealership. New student housing developments tended to try to out do each other, which had its advantages, but affordable student housing needed to be accommodated as well.

Mayor McDavid pointed out the red line transit route did not go through campus, and this was an ideal location for student service.

Mr. Schmidt hoped the developer looked at the trail behind Katy Place as it would make him enthusiastic about providing the trail easement since it would be an amenity for the tenants.

B101-12, as amended, was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B107-12 <u>Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to net metering.</u>

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Johnsen provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe asked if compensation was provided if more electricity was produced than could be used. Mr. Johnsen replied this was netted on a monthly basis, and if more energy was delivered to the system than consumed, a net credit would be shown on the bill that could be used for a future month. The rate of the credit changed depending on the type of resource. A photovoltaic resource would be credited at the same rate electricity was sold. If it was another renewable resource, it was credited at an avoided cost rate.

Ms. Hoppe asked if someone could get money back if more was produced than could be used on a monthly basis. Mr. Johnsen replied the person would receive a credit on the bill to apply to future bills. The purpose of the ordinance was to allow people to cover energy used, but not to be a net generator as a whole. It was primarily used to offset the load.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had spoken with someone that had installed a system in Rocheport with Ameren UE, and they received money for the extra electricity produced beyond their use. Mr. Johnsen explained this program was created to offset the load presented to the system. It was not considered a generator. The generation aspect could be done, but would require a separate agreement.

Mr. Schmidt understood a credit could continue to be developed until the account was closed. Mr. Johnsen explained there would be a one year term for the credit, so the person involved would only have one year to use the credit. He pointed out no one on the system had an annual net credit off of this type of arrangement.

Mr. Kespohl understood the credit would be applied to the following month. Mr. Johnsen replied the customer had a year to use the credit.

Mayor McDavid noted this project involved a sorority and he suspected they would use more than 30 kilowatts. Mr. Johnson agreed.

Ms. Hoppe stated she was pleased to see the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority was interested in sustainability and creating this source of energy.

Mr. Trapp stated he appreciated staff being responsive to someone wanting to do the right thing with a change in the law to make it appropriate.

B107-12 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID. 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.

- PR60-12 <u>Modifying the Designated Loan and Special Tax Bill Investment Fund policy.</u>
- B102-12 <u>Authorizing the rehabilitation of Taxiway A at the Columbia Regional Airport; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.</u>
- B103-12 Authorizing construction of street improvements to widen Forum Boulevard from Katy Lane to the bridge over Hinkson Creek to accommodate left turn movements from Forum Boulevard into the Victoria Park driveway and MKT driveway; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division.
- B104-12 <u>Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to issuance of parking meter hoods.</u>
- B105-12 <u>Authorizing a second supplemental agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for transportation enhancement funds relating to the nonmotorized pilot project.</u>
- B106-12

 <u>Authorizing a quit claim deed and granting temporary construction easements to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for construction of a diverging diamond interchange at I-70 and Stadium Boulevard as part of the Stadium Boulevard corridor project.</u>
- B108-12 <u>Accepting a conveyance for utility purposes.</u>
- R61-12 <u>Setting a public hearing: consider an amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program budget.</u>
- Authorizing amendments to the agreements with the State of Missouri,

 Department of Social Services, True North of Columbia, Inc. and

 Voluntary Action Center relating to the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant

 Program.
- Authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for assistance in the management and disposal of household hazardous waste.
- R64-12 <u>Authorizing a Better Buildings Challenge Community Partnership</u>

 <u>Agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy.</u>
- R65-12 <u>Authorizing an artist's commission agreement with Andrew W. Glenn relating to the Traffic Box Art Program; transferring funds.</u>

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

NEW BUSINESS

R66-12 <u>Authorizing a HOME agreement with Job Point for neighborhood</u> development homeownership assistance funding.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Teddy provided a staff report.

Jim Loveless stated he was the CEO of Job Point, which had offices at 2116 Nelwood, and thanked the Council for considering the agreement. He explained the funds would be used primarily to assist low and moderate income citizens with downpayments on new homes. These homes were built through the Youth Build Job Training and Skills program. Past experience had indicated they needed to hold monthly house payments to \$600 per month in order to make the home affordable to this segment of the population. The homes were valued at approximately \$120,000, which translated to about \$600 per month with taxes and insurance. He noted the accumulation of a downpayment was difficult and the HOME funds helped to overcome this barrier. These funds also helped to revitalize neighborhoods in the central part of the City, perpetuated the Youth Build program, which taught youths skills and produced homes, and made the American dream of homeownership possible to Columbia citizens who would not have this available to them otherwise. He asked for Council's endorsement of the agreement.

Ms. Hoppe understood Job Point had requested an extension of the 2009 agreement, but staff recommended not to extending it. Mr. Loveless explained those funds were rolled into this agreement rather than extending the 2009 agreement. It was the same money. It was only tied to a different agreement.

The vote on R66-12 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R67-12 Amending Resolution 20-12A to rescind those portions of the resolution that found and certified that a portion of Columbia and Boone County contains inadequacies that lead to blight.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Mr. Trapp understood there had been some concerns in the community indicating this resolution should have been done as an ordinance instead, and asked for clarification regarding its legality. Mr. Boeckmann commented that the argument in terms of why it should have been done by ordinance relied on the section of the City Charter that indicated legislative acts were to be done by ordinance, so the issue was whether this was a legislative act. Those that felt it was a legislative act had cited some cases that he did not believe dealt with the issue. They only stated general principles. In addition, other cases cited otherwise. He explained his rationale in doing this as a resolution was that it was an administrative

action and not a legislative action. It only established a board that would make recommendations to the Council dealing with the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ). The associated legislative action would have been done by ordinance authorizing application to the Department of Economic Development at a later time. He thought a better argument could be made by referring to the administrative service section of the Charter as it indicated the Council by ordinance shall provide an administrative code, which had been done. It also indicated that unless otherwise required by law, all boards and commissions provided for in the administrative code shall be appointed by Council. He pointed out it did not state all boards and commissions needed to be placed in the administrative code, so it was legitimate to establish temporary task forces by resolution, but since it indicated boards and commissions would be in the administrative code, he thought this was a better argument against proceeding with this as a resolution.

Ms. Hoppe understood the EEZ board was a permanent board with members serving from 2014 to 2017, but its establishing legislation referred to a resolution. Mr. Boeckmann explained "legislation" was used by department heads when they did not know if something would be an ordinance or resolution. The term was used in the City for both ordinances and resolutions. He agreed the establishment of the EEZ Board probably should have been done by ordinance for a different reason other than what had been raised and apologized for not recognizing it prior to this time.

Mayor McDavid asked Mr. Boeckmann for his recommended action at this time. Mr. Boeckmann replied he would recommend the Council rescind the entire resolution. Doing this by ordinance would create a slight delay, but he could have an ordinance prepared by Wednesday when the Council was already meeting for a work session. A special meeting could be held introducing the ordinance then, and Council could vote on the ordinance establishing the EEZ Board at its next regular meeting. Mayor McDavid understood the EEZ Board had planned to meet tomorrow and this action would mean the Board could not meet because it would not exist. Mr. Boeckmann agreed they would not exist if rescinded, but thought they could meet by acting as a working board. He noted any recommendation would have to be made after the Board was re-established by ordinance and members were appointed by Council. He apologized again for not conducting this analysis in February.

Mr. Brooks explained staff was working hard to address the concerns raised regarding the size of the EEZ and that they had made a good faith effort in following a process they believed to be the correct process. They were prepared to move forward in an effort to create the opportunity to help Columbia be a stronger player in the creation and development of the kinds of jobs they felt were important to the community, but at this point it, he felt it was up to the Council as to how to proceed.

Mayor McDavid wondered if this was legal and asked for a recommendation. Mr. Boeckmann replied his recommendation was to re-establish the Board by ordinance, and to then move forward with the process. He understood this would create a two week delay assuming the same people were appointed to the Board.

Ms. Anthony made a motion to amend R67-12 to rescind R20-12A in its entirety by changing the title, deleting all of the recitals, changing Section 1 to read "the City Council hereby rescinds R20-12A adopted on February 6, 2012" and deleting the other sections of

the resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Traci Wilson-Kleekamp, 2905 Greenbriar Drive, thanked the Council for amending its previous action. She believed it was important to have public buy-in when creating policy. She noted the citizens wanted to be included in the decisions of Council, particularly in terms of economic development policy when blight and people's properties were involved. She asked the Council to ensure diversity and representation of all of the different communities within Columbia with the establishment of the new Board, and for a conversation regarding economic development tools in terms of what else might work besides this particular tool.

Dan Goldstein, 604 Redbud Lane, thanked the Council for listening to the citizens of Columbia and stated he hoped this was the beginning of a more open and broad discussion on economic development. He also hoped the idea was not to come back in two weeks and pick up where they left off. Many citizens had spent a lot of time educating themselves about this process and wanted to be heard and represented.

Dan Cullimore, 715 Lyons Street, encouraged the Council to vote to rescind all of R20-12A, and explained when looking at the history of boards, commissions, task forces and study groups in Columbia, very few had been created by resolution. He provided a brief list of those that had not been established by ordinance and noted no other board with such power and ramifications for the future of Columbia had ever been created by resolution. Even though the statute gave the Mayor and Council broad discretionary power in creating the EEZ Board and appointing its members, he encouraged the Council to let discretion guide their powers.

Holly Henry, 410 Hirth, thanked the Council for the amended version of tonight's resolution and encouraged them to vote to rescind the original resolution in its entirety. She commented that she learned never ignore a City Council Meeting agenda and the difference between resolutions and ordinances in terms of providing comment as a result of this process. She felt it would behoove the Council to consider having citizen representation that was different than the current representation in order to have a more successful situation for something so politically weighted. She encouraged the Council to expand the Board and include representatives from neighborhood associations in the potential EEZ areas, so public perception was that the process was open and provided the opportunity to comment.

Adam Saunders, 214 St. Joseph Street, encouraged the Council to not use the tool of blight as he believed it was a bad policy tool. He suggested the Council choose tools that did not take away from local schools as he believed that was going in the wrong direction. He encouraged the Council to use the economic development tools of strong planning, such as the comprehensive plan, which he felt should be further pushed. He believed planning in terms of low utility and transportation costs would bring development to Columbia. Good planning would take strong leadership as the zoning codes needed to be overhauled. There was a zoning crisis in the central part of the City, near Battle High School, etc. He believed the COLT Railroad provided for huge opportunities and recommended the Council look at the feasibility of creating a depot stop for light rail at Boone County Lumber and laying out streets with mixed density and mixed use every mile on out. He felt this would facilitate a huge

expansion and not require cars for people to get around Columbia. It would also make Columbia a place people wanted to visit and develop.

Pat Fowler, 606 N. Sixth Street, thanked the Council for rescinding R20-12A in its entirety and thanked the citizens of Columbia that had signed a petition put together in order to try to persuade the actions of the Council. She explained when she wanted to serve on the Public Transportation Advisory Commission, she had to file an application and compete for a position on the Commission. In addition, the Council often held interview processes for members of boards and commissions. She encouraged the Council to have an application process for members of the EEZ Board. She understood by statute the Board was restricted to seven voting members and believed a member from the impacted neighborhoods needed to be represented with a vote. She encouraged the Council to hold a special meeting when the ordinance was brought forward, and pointed out special meetings were held when the smoking and hen ordinances had been discussed. She felt this issue justified a special meeting as well and asked the Council to not rush this through at its next meeting as it would create the same problems of trust in the community they currently had.

Jeremy Root, 2417 Beachview Drive, explained he was not opposed to the EEZ, but was opposed to a process that did not follow the rules. He felt citizens that were concerned, involved and vested in Columbia did not have a voice in a process that had the potential to affect the community for 25 years. He urged the Council to adopt R67-12 as amended. He did not want Columbia to be divided and preferred they be able to unite around a process that created an outcome that was best for the community. He believed the best message for prospective businesses in Columbia was that a delay in the EEZ application process was necessary because the citizens cared deeply about the community and wanted to ensure the process was done the right way. He asked the Council rescind R20-12A in its entirety, begin the process anew, empower the citizens and breed goodwill and democracy. He did not see a downside to this.

Tyree Byndom, 501 N. Providence Road, thanked the Council for allowing the community to be a part of this process and noted he believed members of the community had gained a deeper bond by going through the process. Through conversations with the elders in the unity, he believed an apology needed to be made to the black community in terms of what had happened with Sharp End area in Columbia in order to start the healing process between the African-American community and the European descent community. He understood, in the past, there had been a Task Force on Race Relations, etc., but did not believe a formal apology, awareness or acknowledgment of the City's impact on 440 families and over 110 businesses had been provided. He understood many people believe Columbia was diverse, but those he spoke with had indicated it was not united and that they did not feel the love, socially or culturally.

Monta Welch, 2808 Greenbriar Drive, commented that she agreed with those that thought they needed a full, robust conversation regarding economic development. Columbia was different, and blight was not accepted by the community. She did not think it mattered if others were pursuing the blight designation. She noted Columbia had the lowest unemployment in the State, so they had to be doing something right. In addition, Parade magazine recently stated Columbia was the hardest working community in the nation.

Columbia had also recently been named number twelve on the list of places to establish a business and create jobs. She did not believe Columbia needed to wholesale itself. She agreed Columbia had some unemployment and people that needed assistance, but believed it could be done in a different manner. She understood Mr. Kespohl had suggested a college to help educate folks at a different skill level, which she liked. She also agreed more representation was needed on the City's boards and commissions to help figure out how to make Columbia great.

Khesha Duncan, 3800 Saddlebrook Place, thanked the Council for the amending the resolution and noted she had the utmost respect for Mr. Boeckmann and his willingness to state he had made a mistake in public, as it was a true demonstration of leadership. She asked the Council to pay attention to those in the central part of the City and the African-American community regardless of whether they moved forward with the EEZ as the City would likely not be eligible without them. She did not believe it was ethically or morally acceptable to use people for their poverty and their unemployment, and to not guarantee they would be considered first when living wage jobs were brought into the community. She thanked Mr. Kespohl for his idea for a technical training center and believed that could be done now. Columbia had too many tools and resources to not be able to educate every individual that wanted to be educated. This would allow the people that needed jobs the most to be ready for those jobs if and when they came into the community in order to raise their quality of life.

Patty Kirkpatrick stated she was the Executive Director of the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri and explained the Food Bank operated its central pantry within the City of Columbia. Both the City and County helped fund the pantry. In 2010, the central pantry distributed food to 20,596 unduplicated people, and a majority were City of Columbia residents. Only 159 people were considered out of county. In 2011, that number jumped to 22,638 unduplicated people, and only 97 were out of county. The one year increase was ten percent. She noted 2,638 people were new to the pantry this past year, and they were either underemployed or were in a situation where one of two wage earners in the household had lost their job. She hoped the Council could help put people back to work. She pointed out many were people who had life skills, but a situation of unemployment or underemployment had caused them to go to pantries and other social service agencies. She believed an overwhelming number of people in Columbia had a desire to work, but jobs to put them to work did not exist. If the Council went back to the drawing board in terms of the EEZ, she felt it would delay people in getting back to work. She stated she agreed with Mr. Kespohl in that training was needed to assist with generational poverty, but thought they could get those with life skills back to work sooner with job opportunities.

Tim Rich, 2516 Meadow Lark Lane, stated he was the Executive Director of the Heart of Missouri United Way and believed the real crisis in the community was the lack of jobs and the lack of availability of people to be able to earn an income and provide for their families. The United Way would be redirecting their funds through a new program called Community Impact to try to make an impact that would provide a path out of poverty for those that wanted, by starting with young people and moving all of the way through the educational process, in an effort to address generational poverty. He noted there was a lot of temporary

poverty due to the unemployment rate and the economy as well. Twenty-one percent of the population or 24,000 people lived in poverty in Columbia. This represented about 10,000 households living in poverty with no hope or vision to get out of poverty. Jobs to lift people out of poverty were needed. He pointed out 40 percent of the population had indicated they had never met anyone in poverty or had never driven through an impoverished neighborhood. This was a critical issue because those that did not see poverty did not know it existed. Even though Columbia had a low unemployment rate, many still needed work, and jobs were needed to allow people to work at a livable wage. He noted he was a product of parents who came out of poverty, and the difference between them and their siblings that were still in poverty was the fact they had moved out of the community to find jobs. He thought Columbia wanted people to remain here. In addition, they needed to learn to speak middle class business English and put their skills to work, which was difficult for some people. He felt any action taken that brought jobs to Columbia should be considered. He explained 43 percent of public school children were living in poverty as measured by free and reduced lunch rates, and 80 percent of those were African-American. This would not improve until jobs were provided in the community. He did not believe light manufacturing jobs would destroy neighborhoods. He thought they would improve neighborhoods by giving people the ability to own their own homes and to be a part of the community. He asked the Council to do whatever it took as fast as they could to get jobs to Columbia. The City had lost 1,200 jobs at 3M, and this issue needed to be addressed as those jobs were needed.

Kathleen Weinschenk, 1504 Sylvan Lane, reminded the Council that they were all in this together and had to work together to make a difference.

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, understood the Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) was paid for with City funds and located in the Fifth and Walnut parking garage, and if that was the case, he believed money was wasted on May 1. He explained REDI employees had taken pictures of him and those pictures were in the newspaper. He did not believe his photo should have been provided to the newspaper over this problem. He noted this issue was for only two jobs. He stated the citizens wanted the removal of the EEZ Board as they were pawns.

Ines Segert, 909 Hickory Hill, thanked the Council for considering the rescission of R20-12A in its entirety. She believed everyone in the community wanted job creation to assist with poverty, so she did not think the EEZ issue should be painted as a pro-job or anti-job issue. She stated everyone wanted to know the process the government used was fair, open, transparent and comported with the City Charter, and thought a conversation was needed in terms of all of the tools available to bring jobs to the community. The citizens deserved the facts, and not just assertions, regarding the EEZ and its ability to bring jobs. She felt a real evaluation was needed with facts and statistics in order to provide the public a chance to be a part of the process.

Greg Steinhoff, 5708 Sundance Drive, stated he was a former Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development and had personally approved several EEZ's throughout the State. He commented that it was important for the City to go through the right process to determine the geography for the EEZ. He explained the EEZ program had been designed to recruit core jobs, which were those jobs that brought net, new economic impact

to an area, so they were jobs that were not in the community currently and were jobs that would impact the creation of other jobs. They were jobs that brought new money into the community and caused other companies to create more jobs in areas that needed more jobs, which was the reason for the geographies to be determined. They wanted the related economic benefit to go to those that needed it the most. He believed it was an effective program and noted there were over 130 EEZ's within the State of Missouri. It was designed to attract industries that were compatible with communities that were environmentally friendly, provided a higher than the average wage and located in areas of unemployment. High consideration was given by the Department of Economic Development to those communities trying to draw jobs to specific areas in terms of tax credits. He commended the City and the REDI team for trying to procure every economic development tool necessary to try to He pointed out his company, which started in Columbia and employed approximately 900 people, recently placed 100 people in Overland Park, Kansas, because that community welcomed and offered them an opportunity to be successful. Those kinds of things mattered to companies and impacted where jobs were placed, and the people in those types of areas benefited. He encouraged the Council to continue to pursue and take full advantage of the EEZ.

Greg Ahrens, 1504 Sylvan Lane, thanked the Council for amending the resolution. He pointed out the census data being used for the EEZ was from 2000, but there had been another census in 2010. He understood the 2010 census numbers would not be available until August. He suggested they not rush through this process and use the 2010 data when available.

Dave Griggs, 6420 N. Highway VV, explained many years ago, the City did away with its Department of Economic Development and teamed with the University, the Chamber of Commerce and the business community to form REDI, Inc. The City paid for salaries, but the rest of the organization paid for everything else. Over \$150,000 was paid for by volunteers and business owners like him that took money out of their own pockets to furnish the new facility within the Fifth and Walnut parking garage. The City did not provide for that. He explained this was done to serve the community, create jobs and make this a better place for everyone who worked and lived here. He pointed out the map was being completely redrawn by the EEZ Board, as it was their role, so he was agreeable to rescinding the map since a new map would come to Council for a public hearing and action. He thought it was wrong to rescind the authorization for this process as there was a problem with people not making a living wage and this provided an opportunity to help those people have a living wage in the manufacturing sector. If this was not done, Columbia would continue to lose manufacturing jobs and not have the ability to attract manufacturing jobs. He provided recent examples in Mexico, Missouri and Sedalia, Missouri of the EEZ program assisting communities in terms of job creation and investment in the community. The competition was at every border of Boone County. Columbia needed to decide whether it wanted to be competitive in terms of getting good jobs and providing an opportunity for citizens to better themselves.

Alison Martin, 206 S. Glenwood Avenue, commented that Sedalia, Missouri and Centralia, Missouri were different than Columbia, Missouri. She believed Columbia could approach the way it brought in businesses in a different way. She explained she had been

responsible for bringing her family to Columbia and they had invested their life savings in the north central area of Columbia, and those life savings were being threatened by blight. She stated blight was a real concern. It was not just a term as some might indicate.

Karl Skala, 5201 Gasconade Drive, stated he hoped Council would rescind the entire resolution in favor of bringing an ordinance forward. He commented that he respected Mr. Boeckmann even more than previously for owning up to his mistake. He also respected Mr. Brooks and understood the amount of work it took for economic development. He thought everyone was interested in jobs and hoped a thorough conversation on economic development incentives in general, and specifically when dependent on blight, would take place. He understood the reason for the time constraints, but hoped time would be taken to embrace community discussion. He encouraged the Council to rescind the resolution as suggested by Mr. Boeckmann.

Dean Andersen, 814 Timbers Court, agreed everyone was concerned about jobs, but noted Columbia had grown by 20 percent every ten years for the last 30 years. In addition, Columbia had one of the lowest unemployment rates in the State of Missouri and a lower unemployment rate than Kansas, so they were doing something right. Columbia was also recently ranked #1 in the nation for being one of the hardest working communities. He felt there were a lot of things that brought people to the Columbia and made them want to live here, and those things included the wonderful schools, good health care, trails and parks that allowed people to recreate, art and culture, etc. He noted all of these things required a healthy tax base, and providing tax breaks to corporations that could and should pay their fair share to maintain those amenities undermined Columbia's ability to be a first-rate kind of community. He believed if a community felt it was blighted, it would live up to that label, but if a community felt it was successful, it would live up to that label instead. He did not want to live in a community that considered itself blighted. He wanted to live in a community that considered itself top notch, was forward looking and supported the amenities that made people want to live and develop a business here. He hoped the Council would slow down and adopt a process that was open, transparent, honest and fair, and would invite the community to participate. He encouraged Council to rescind this particular blight decree and start from the beginning while considering comments made tonight.

Justin Thomas, 202 W. Sexton Road, suggested the Council consider rethinking the design of the central part of the City, what it meant to be a new urban environment and where the ideas to make that happen would come from. He was not sure businesses were waiting to get into the new facilities built by and within the City. If the Council decided to rescind the resolution, a dialogue would be opened up with the citizenry, which would then create ideas necessary to move forward.

Mark Flakne, 2408 Basswood, commented that he had a problem with the idea of creating jobs as he felt they were actually purchasing jobs with taxpayer money through state tax credits. He agreed Sedalia might need the EEZ to purchase jobs, but he did not believe Columbia needed to do this as well. The small business or entrepreneurial incubator was good and appropriate for Columbia as it was a place to grow jobs from the ground up instead of inviting large businesses who might not stay and were only here for a tax break since they could not compete in the marketplace. He also did not believe the issue of blight and how

that related to eminent domain abuse should be glossed over. It had repeatedly been used to take land and property from minority populations across Missouri. It was a real threat and even though the EEZ did not directly create eminent domain abuse, the blight designation could create that abuse.

Mr. Trapp stated he was pleased to see members of the social service community speak about poverty, and even though Columbia was not Sedalia or another area that struggled, poverty was huge in Columbia and needed to be addressed. He noted the EEZ was fundamentally a job creation measure. He asked if the status quo was acceptable in regards to employment opportunities for people without higher education. He liked the other solutions people had mentioned, and suggested the community promote entrepreneurship, vocational training, planning, reasonable development and green jobs, but that it also needed to do things that could be accomplished sooner. As a social service worker, he had taken a lot of people to the food pantry and had seen how the food pantry had changed since the economic slow down. There was not a lot there due to the increase in need and the fewer number of people that could give themselves. He thought aggressive and immediate actions needed to be taken to address the job situation. He understood there might be a future potential cost to the blight designation and that his house was still included in the area in the revised maps, which made him feel better about supporting it. He believed they needed to weigh the pros against the cons and consider the needs of those that were struggling if they wanted to live in a just and equitable community.

Ms. Hoppe commented that she believed they all wanted jobs and for Columbia to be a great community, but felt it was important to get the process right. She believed this discussion had raised a larger issue and dialogue in terms of job creation. The EEZ was only one component as the small business incubator and green jobs were others. She referred to a 2010 study involving the evaluation of Missouri Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs, which indicated each project created 25 jobs on average at a lower cost. Columbia was presently embarking on a historic baseline economic impact of historic preservation. She stated there were a lot of aspects to economic development in terms of jobs and looked forward to furthering this dialogue. She agreed with one of the speakers in that a special meeting should be held when this issue came forward again. She suggested the ordinance establishing the EEZ Board include a provision for neighborhood representatives for each census block, so the general public had representation on the Board.

Mr. Kespohl stated one of his main concerns about Columbia had been and continued to be the unemployed and underemployed. The situation with unemployed residents should be the most important issue for public leaders. The EEZ proposal might or might not enhance the opportunity to attract new employers to Columbia, but he wondered what it would mean if it had. He believed they should make Columbia so attractive to potential employers that they would not even consider looking for another community. If someone was unemployed, that person needed an opportunity for employment now versus next year. He suggested they give Columbia every chance possible to attract employers if it would lead them to a better Columbia.

Mayor McDavid stated he would support the resolution as amended. He noted he was on the Board of REDI similar to the former mayor, Darwin Hindman, and the current and past

city managers. Multiple officials from the University of Missouri as well as several people from the private sector were also on the REDI Board. He believed serving on this Board was one of the most important things he did as mayor. He commented that the fiscal impact tool of the Federal Reserve clearly showed substantial tax revenues accrued to the City through incentives. He noted last year's citizen survey indicated the number one priority was streets and roads, the second priority was police protection and crime prevention, and the third priority was job creation. He agreed the establishment of the EEZ Board needed to be redone the right way.

The vote on R67-12, as amended, was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: SCHMIDT, TRAPP, KESPOHL, DUDLEY, ANTHONY, HOPPE, MCDAVID. 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.

- B109-12 <u>Amending Chapter 12A of the City Code as it relates to stormwater management.</u>
- B110-12 Changing the uses allowed on C-P zoned property located on the west side of U.S. Highway 63 and approximately 700 feet south of Interstate 70; approving a revised statement of intent; approving the C-P Development Plan of Lot 1 of Konstantin Subdivision.
- Approving the Final Plat of Rock Bridge Christian Church Plat 2, a Replat of Lot 1 Rock Bridge Christian Church Plat 1, located north of Green Meadows Road and east of Bethel Street (301 West Green Meadows Road); authorizing a performance contract.
- B112-12 Approving the Final Plat of Auburn Hills Plat 10-A1, a Minor Replat of Lot 1007, Auburn Hills Plat 10-A located on the northwest corner of Bodie Drive and Edenton Boulevard; authorizing a performance contract.
- B113-12 <u>Amending Chapter 6 of the City Code as it relates to chimney sweep license requirements and to establish fees for mechanical licenses.</u>
- B114-12 Authorizing a right of use permit with Stephens College for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge in the East Broadway right-of-way.
- B115-12 Appropriating funds for the purchase of four Paratransit vans, two buses and miscellaneous equipment.
- B116-12 <u>Appropriating funds for the Hominy Branch Outfall Relief Sewer Project;</u> transferring funds to the annual sewer improvement project.
- B117-12 Appropriating special fuel tax rebate funds for the Fleet Operations Fuel and Facilities Upgrade project.
- B118-12 <u>Accepting conveyances for temporary construction, and sewer purposes.</u>
- B119-12 <u>Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.</u>
- B120-12 Amending the FY 2012 Annual Budget, the FY 2012 Pay Plan and Classification Plan to add, delete, reclassify, upgrade, change titles and close positions in the Law Department, Human Resources Department, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Finance

Department; transferring funds; amending Chapter 19 of the City Code to include the deputy city counselor and the assistant director of public health and human services in the definition of unclassified service.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

REP70-12 <u>Street Closure Requests - Update - Ninth Street Summerfest and Concert in Stephens Lake Park.</u>

Mayor McDavid made a motion to approve the street closure request and waiver of the open container for June 15 instead of June 22 for a Ninth Street Summerfest event. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimously by voice vote with the exception of Mr. Schmidt who was absent.

REP71-12 <u>Street Improvement Townhall Meetings.</u>

Mayor McDavid commented that the way this was worded was that money was found, but that was not the case. In addition, he was not sure they wanted a competition amongst wards for the money. He understood three options had been provided and two involved the Fourth Ward while one involved the First Ward. He suggested they proceed with only one of the Fourth Ward options and the First Ward option due to funding limitations.

Mr. Dudley stated that although he would be more than happy to accept both Fourth Ward projects, he would recommend they proceed with Sunset Lane in the Fourth Ward and Hubbell Drive in the First Ward. He echoed the comment of Mayor McDavid in that this was not found money, but money that could be moved to assist with these projects.

Mayor McDavid made a motion directing staff to move the \$250,000 into the Hubbell and Ash Street project and the Sunset Lane project to fund those projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kespohl and approved unanimously by voice vote with the exception of Mr. Schmidt who was absent.

Ms. Hoppe commented that one of the items that came out of the Sixth Ward meeting was the painting of the crosswalk at Broadway and College and thought that could be easily done. Mr. Glascock stated a lot of these had already been completed with operational money within the budget. Ms. Hoppe asked if she needed to make a motion for this to be done. Mr. Glascock replied no and explained he would look into it and make sure it was completed.

REP72-12 Columbia Transit Supporting Transportation for Special Olympics 2012.

Mayor McDavid made a motion authorizing staff to temporarily expand the public transit system on May 29 through June 1, 2012 in a manner determined to be best suited to meet public needs for the Special Olympics Missouri Summer Games and to waive ridership fees for passengers using the temporarily expanded services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe.

Mayor McDavid pointed out this worked out to \$55.00 an hour per bus, so apparently bus service was cheaper.

Ms. Hoppe commented that a component of this was coming from the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the Special Olympics, but it also made bus service available for free for anyone using those particular routes. She thought this was a great way for Columbia to promote having a quick bus system that they could hopefully expand in the future.

The motion made by Mayor McDavid and seconded by Ms. Hoppe authorizing staff to temporarily expand the public transit system on May 29 through June 1, 2012 in a manner determined to be best suited to meet public needs for the Special Olympics Missouri Summer Games and to waive ridership fees for passengers using the temporarily expanded services was approved unanimously by voice vote with the exception of Mr. Schmidt who was absent.

REP73-12 <u>Marketing Agreement for the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program.</u>

Mayor McDavid commented that he had concerns as he did not like third party warranty programs because the City did not know how the service would be or their financial margin. The City would essentially sell insurance for a third party and he was uncomfortable with it.

Mr. Trapp stated he thought it would be great if people purchased water line insurance, but he did not believe they would and it would generate junk mail with the City seal on it.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to prepare a resolution authorizing a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners, Inc.

Ms. Hoppe understood 96 percent of the survey respondents had indicated their image of the City had increased because of this service offered. The service was offered nationwide, and approved and promoted by the National League of Cities. She understood the City could access monthly reporting through the web and the program had positive effects on the environment. She noted citizens of Columbia had issues with sewer lines from the house to the City line and this was an opportunity for citizens to avail themselves of insurance for that purpose. She noted they would use local businesses and certified plumbers, so the City would then enhance business in Columbia that stayed in Columbia. Only the insurance payment would go outside of the City. She believed it was an important service the City should make available and each individual person could decide whether they wanted to purchase it.

The motion made by Ms. Hoppe directing staff to prepare a resolution authorizing a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners, Inc. was seconded by Ms. Anthony.

Mayor McDavid commented that he believed the National League of Cities was getting a cut of the revenues from this product line because they had offered ten percent to the City. He assumed the third party had a 50 percent profit margin. Ms. Hoppe understood the City could waive the ten percent and reduce the insurance cost to the insured individual. She felt providing the insurance was the motivation.

Mr. Kespohl asked if this coverage could be added onto a homeowner's policy. Mr. Matthes replied most homeowner's policies did not cover this type of line, but he was not sure if it could be added on as a rider.

Mr. Trapp stated he felt the people that needed it would not purchase it. Ms. Hoppe stated she felt the people who needed it would not be able to afford to have the repair done if something happened.

Mr. Matthes commented that a good use of the ten percent if they decided to proceed would be to create a fund for these types of repairs.

Ms. Anthony asked if there was a way to determine if it was purchased and used if the City decided to make it available. Mr. Matthes asked if the Council wanted to consider it as a pilot program for one year with a report back to Council at the end of that time frame. Ms. Anthony replied yes.

Mr. Kespohl asked if additional staff time would be required since the City was endorsing the program. He thought people would call the City if there was an issue. Mr. Matthes replied it would involve staff time, but he believed it would be minimal because all of the work was done through the third party level. Mr. Kespohl stated he was not opposed to a pilot, but wanted staff time tracked as he believed people would call the City when there were issues.

Mr. Kespohl made a motion to amend Ms. Hoppe's motion so that this was a one year pilot program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Anthony and approved unanimously by voice vote with the exception of Mr. Schmidt who was absent.

The motion made by Ms. Hoppe, seconded by Ms. Anthony and amended by Mr. Kespohl directing staff to prepare a resolution authorizing a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners, Inc. as a one year pilot program was approved by voice vote with Mayor McDavid voting against it and Mr. Schmidt being absent.

REP74-12 <u>Environment and Energy Commission Communication regarding the Transit System.</u>

Mayor McDavid commented that he believed the City needed to improve the strategy, operations and policies of Columbia Transit. The City was a willing seller of transportation services and college students in Columbia were potential willing buyers of these services. He felt the unwillingness of students to embrace the City's transportation services said more about the service than the student customers. He noted he had created a Task Force with broad representation, and as a result of that Task Force, the University of Missouri administrators had hired an outside consultant and were in the midst of an evaluation of student transportation needs. He did not believe the success of Columbia Transit was dependent upon more public funding. He felt it was dependent on the City's ability to engage the nearly 40,000 student customers in Columbia. They would potentially model this after the Cy-Ride system in Ames, Iowa, and such a change in governance would require Council approval. He stated this was an on-going conversation, and this Council was fully committed to restructuring Columbia Transit into a robust and successful system.

Ms. Anthony stated she appreciated the letter from EEC and agreed Council would continue to discuss this issue. She noted she thought more discussion was needed regarding the implementation of an independent management structure as well.

REP75-12 <u>Environment and Energy Commission Communication regarding the 2012</u> Water and Light Renewable Energy Report and the Definition of Renewable Energy.

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

REP76-12 <u>Trimble Road and Broadway U-Turns.</u>

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Ms. Hoppe thanked staff for the report and stated she thought the sign would be helpful.

REP77-12 Additional Mulch Drop-Off Site in Columbia.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report.

Mr. Dudley thanked staff for the report and suggested using the landfill site. Mr. Glascock stated they would consider that site if it was close enough and agreeable to everyone. Mr. Dudley thought it would be as people had indicated they did not want to drive across town.

REP78-12 Repair/Resurface Timberhill Road and Rustic Road for Sewer Work.

Mr. Glascock provided a staff report and noted it had been provided for informational purposes.

REP79-12 <u>February/March 2012 Stormwater Variance Summary.</u>

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

REP80-12 <u>Intra-Departmental Transfer of Funds Request.</u>

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

COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

John Clark, 403 N. Ninth Street, stated he was glad to hear the City would be saving a lot of money by refinancing the bonds and hoped the City had learned its lessen with regard to interest only bonds and would no longer participate in that.

Mr. Clark commented that he believed the development process was out of control and suggested the Council quickly adopt a sufficiency of infrastructure resources policy and not wait until the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. He thought this was needed to review rezonings and annexations, but also recommended the policy condition issuance of building and occupancy permits upon a showing of sufficiency of infrastructure. He also suggested the Council adopt a policy of charging the full equity cost for all essential services Columbia provided, such as water, sanitary sewer, electric, stormwater, solid waste and roads. He thought a developer adding 1,100 beds in the downtown, which constituted one percent of the City's population, needed to buy into the system at that same one percent as an upfront connection charge. This would allow for regular rates for everyone. He did not believe businesses came here due to the lack of incentives. He thought businesses were hesitant due to uncertain future property and utility rates.

Mr. Kespohl explained the City repaid and refinanced one of the interest only bonds today and noted he would be watching for the other seven.

Karl Skala, 5201 Gasconade Drive, stated he served as the Chair of the Environment and Energy Commission and explained they had a Transportation Committee that recommended the report previously discussed. He noted he was also on the Infrastructure Task Force, which provided a majority and minority report, with one the main differences involving the subsidy for the transit system. He pointed out the minority report had a trip

generation fee model, which could be revenue neutral or aggressive. He thought a conversation was needed with regard to this and stated he would be happy to participate.

Ms. Hoppe asked for the date of the trip generation fee minority report. Mr. Skala replied he thought it had been provided about six months ago at a City Council meeting. He noted it could not be found on the Infrastructure Task Force site.

Ms. Anthony commented that she thought the City should consider a sufficiency of infrastructure resources test similar to the one used by Boone County. She noted a large concern with regard to the College and Walnut project was stormwater. The existing infrastructure was not adequate for the additional stormwater that would be generated. It was also a discussion they had all of the time. She wondered why the City was not using a test similar to the County to determine if sufficient infrastructure was in place, and asked for a report on the issue. She suggested the City contact the County with regard to this test and how it worked for them, and if it was working, she thought the City should consider adopting a similar policy.

Ms. Anthony stated she was concerned with providing C-2 zoning on properties in the central part of the City that bordered residential neighborhoods. She thought a report was needed in terms of a policy of only allowing C-P zoning in those areas.

Ms. Anthony understood a work session would be held regarding notifications provided by the Community Development Department in terms of zoning requests and asked that this work session be expanded to a tutorial on how the Community Development Department worked from concept to review to staff recommendation and a short overview of zoning categories.

Ms. Anthony understood there had been a lot of discussion with regard Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts and wanted to involve the public earlier in the process than was done with the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) discussions since there was not anything imminent to which they were reacting. She suggested a meeting with the public at the ARC be scheduled in June when they were done with strategic planning, etc. Staff could provide an overview and answer questions regarding failed TIF's in other communities, and then invite the public to comment and participate in the discussion.

Ms. Hoppe suggested neighborhood associations be notified of the meeting, particularly those neighborhood associations that would be within any contemplated TIF area.

Ms. Anthony commented that she had met with Ms. Britt of the Office of Neighborhood Services regarding over-occupancy concerns of residents in the Grasslands and understood she had some innovative thoughts regarding this and other issues. She asked that a report be provided summarizing these ideas. She understood there was thought to conducting more frequent inspections, changing the existing ordinances, the possibility of using utility bills to obtain search warrants and engaging neighborhood associations to assist them.

Ms. Anthony asked for a report regarding how many spay/neuter vouchers had been distributed, used and the average wait time.

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Ms. Hoppe suggested the report regarding the Office of Neighborhood Services and

the issue of over-occupancy include the potential registration of renters by landlords so they

knew who lived in a particular location.

Mr. Kespohl understood a new Humane Society Director had been hired and asked for

a report regarding the functions of the Humane Society, the spay/neuter program and

voucher system, and all of the activities taking place at the Humane Society.

Mayor McDavid asked for a report regarding the results of the point of service surveys

that had been conducted by the Police Department as he thought it was important to know

the results and if it should be continued to be pursued.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheela Amin City Clerk

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