INTRODUCTORY

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri met for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2008, in the Council Chambers of the City of Columbia, Missouri. The roll was taken with the following results: Council Members WADE, NAUSER (left at 9:40 p.m.), HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU and SKALA were present. The City Manager, City Counselor, City Clerk and various Department Heads were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2008 were approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Wade and a second by Mr. Skala.

APPROVAL AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda, including the Consent Agenda, was approved unanimously by voice vote on a motion by Mr. Janku and a second Mr. Wade.

SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B86-08 Authorizing construction of a traffic calming speed hump on Rainbow Trout Drive between Golden Trout Drive and Coho Court; transferring funds.

The bill was given third reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this proposed traffic calming device involved one speed hump and a cost of $4,000. He referred to the map on the overhead, which showed the proposed location. This work would be performed by City staff and would be paid for with traffic safety funds. He noted this was tabled at staff’s request at the April 21, 2008 and May 5, 2008 Council meetings to allow for additional input from neighbors. They were now ready to proceed.

Mr. Wade stated he would be making an amendment to B86-08 due to the outcome of the neighborhood meeting by adding a traffic calming table at the intersection of Rainbow Trout Drive and Darien Drive at an additional cost of $6,700. Mr. Watkins asked if it would add or make the cost $6,700. Mr. Wade replied it would add $6,700. Mr. Watkins understood the total cost would then be $10,700.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Hindman closed the public hearing.
Mr. Wade made a motion to amend B86-08 by adding the construction of a speed table at the intersection Rainbow Trout Drive and Darien Drive to Section 1 and by changing the dollar amount from $4,000 to $10,700 in Section 5.

Mr. Skala asked for a description of a traffic table. Ms. Lea explained a speed hump was a hump in the road while a table was a raised surface in the entire intersection of Darien and Rainbow Trout Drive. Mr. Skala understood it was in the same area, but was different than a traffic hump. Mr. Glascock stated it was a raised intersection.

Mr. Janku asked if the staff was supportive of constructing it. Ms. Lea replied yes. She explained they met with Mr. Wade and the neighborhood association and a speed table at that intersection would help the problem of speeding on Rainbow Trout. She noted it was a long distance from Darien to the speed hump, so they felt it would do a better job of controlling the speed.

Mr. Wade stated this had been an issue for the neighborhood for a long time. They tried one experiment that did not work. This would replace a different mechanism for traffic calming. As a result of the neighborhood meeting, it was determined the speed hump was acceptable where the former mechanism was not. In addition, as the group analyzed it, they decided one speed hump was not enough because the straight stretch was too long and was down a long, steep hill. He commented that this might be one of the last long stretches of road built under the old street standards. He noted there was conversation with regard to doing the speed hump while giving time for more discussion on the speed table, but they clearly needed both. He stated the group pretty much supported it at the neighborhood meeting.

Ms. Hoppe asked if the City had used a speed table before or if this was the first one. Mr. Glascock replied it had been used before on Rollins in the Rothwell Heights neighborhood. Mr. Wade understood there were 3-4 and noted they worked.

Mayor Hindman agreed they did work and stated he was in favor of adding traffic calming in lots of areas. He understood a traffic calming device was needed about every 400 feet in order to have effective traffic calming otherwise people would speed up again after negotiating it. Adding another traffic calming device made a lot of sense to him.

Mr. Skala asked if this was a better alternative than speed humps for long straightaways that cut through traffic areas. Mr. Glascock replied each neighborhood was different and each had their own idea of what they liked. He noted Mayor Hindman was correct in that they did more good if they were spaced periodically. He explained they met with individual neighborhoods in trying to work out a solution everyone liked. He pointed out they started out with a chicane, but the neighborhood did not like it.

Mr. Sturtz understood there were two speed humps on Alexander between Ash and Worley that had been in place for well over a year and asked if they had gone back to study speed changes. Mr. Glascock replied they had not. Mr. Sturtz stated it appeared as though it did something, but it was not terribly effective. He did not know if it was the distance between them or some other factor. Mr. Glascock noted they were receiving less calls.

Mr. Wade urged anyone that was not familiar with traffic tables to turn off of Scott onto Rollins and drive down Rollins. He thought they would find they had to drive slower than normal on that straight stretch. He noted this would not necessarily slow the average speed
down to the speed limit, but it would take the top speeds off, which had a huge impact in terms of potential safety, especially for the children in the neighborhood.

The motion made Mr. Wade to amend B86-08 by adding the construction of a speed table at the intersection Rainbow Trout Drive and Darien Drive to Section 1 and by changing the dollar amount from $4,000 to $10,700 in Section 5 was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The vote on B86-08, as amended, was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B125-08 Approving the C-P Development Plan of Academy Village located on the southeast corner of East Green Meadows Road and South Providence Road (State Route 163); authorizing a development agreement.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins noted they had received a request to table this item.

Mr. Wade made the motion to table B125-08 to the June 2, 2008 Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor Hindman continued the public hearing to the June 2, 2008 Council meeting.

The motion made Mr. Wade and seconded by Mr. Janku to table B125-08 to the June 2, 2008 Council meeting was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**B129-08 Calling for bids relating to sidewalk construction on portions of Smiley Lane, West Ash Street and Leeway Drive.**

**B130-08 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for sidewalk construction on portions of Smiley Lane, West Ash Street and Leeway Drive.**

Item A was read by the Clerk and the bills were given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this was a series of sidewalk gaps being filled and they were proposing the use non-motorized transportation funds. Leeway Drive was an important connection for Blue Ridge School. The West Ash Street proposal was on the south side of West Ash, east of Heather and west of Stadium at the Holiday House apartments. The Smiley Lane proposal was east of Derby Ridge. He noted they were all gaps in the existing sidewalk network. The public hearing was required for the public improvement, which was Item A. The ordinances would authorize the City to bid it through the purchasing agent and to acquire the appropriate easements needed.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearings on all three items.

There being no comment, Mayor Hindman closed the public hearings on all three items.

Mr. Skala made a motion directing staff to proceed with acquisition and construction of the sidewalks along portions of Smiley Lane, West Ash Street and Leeway Drive. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.
B129-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B130-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

(B) Construction of improvements to Scott Boulevard, from Rollins Road to Brookview Terrace.

B131-08 Calling for bids relating to construction of Scott Boulevard, from Rollins Road to Brookview Terrace.

B132-08 Authorizing the acquisition of easements for construction of Scott Boulevard, from Rollins Road to Brookview Terrace.

R117-08 Authorizing Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. for engineering services relating to the design of Scott Boulevard, from Rollins Road to Brookview Terrace.

Item B was read by the Clerk, the bills were given second reading by the Clerk, and the resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained these were a series of public hearings and action items that would complete the improvement of Scott Boulevard from where it went from four lanes to two lanes up to Brookview Terrace, where some improvements done several years ago began. It would be funded by the City and MoDOT and with some federal money. Staff would be bringing to Council an agreement with Boone County as they would be sharing in some of the costs. He pointed out this was a State road, but part of it was in the City and part of it was in the unincorporated area of the County. Burns and McDonnell Engineering had been retained to provide final engineering design and construction plans. A number of public hearings had been held over the last several years. The last one was held on August 20, 2007. Since that time, staff had been working with MoDOT concerning details with regard to funding and the relinquishment of MoDOT portions of the roadway to the City. An agreement similar to when MoDOT relinquished part of East Broadway in exchange for contributing significantly to the funding of upgrading the road was being introduced later in the evening. He pointed out they had also received some federal earmarks for this project. The preliminary construction cost including estimates for utility relocations and rights-of-way was $11,215,000. They were proposing to bid this project through the purchasing agent, if Council approved this legislation tonight, it would be the last opportunity for public comment. He noted they would need to obtain approximately 300 easements, which would overwhelm their very limited right-of-way staff, so they were proposing to amend the contract with Burns and McDonnell to allow them to acquire the various rights-of-way and easements for utilities, etc. He commented that this project was on the 2005 ballot issue that was approved by the voters.

Mr. Glascock stated the hearing would be held tonight for the purposes of receiving public comment on the proposed Federal Aid Program project in the City of Columbia known
as the Scott Boulevard Improvement Project. The project number was DP-2101 (505). All applicable federal guidelines would be followed during the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of this project. Plans would be subject to review by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA). If federal funds were used in the right-of-way acquisition or construction, the percentage of federal funds used would be in accordance with all current regulations. The right-of-way acquisition process that would be followed would include the right of property owners to obtain appraisals of their property. The proposed project was expected to have no significant impact to the environment and had been granted a categorical exclusion. Accounting for MoDOT review schedules and right-of-way acquisition, it was expected that a contract for construction would be awarded in late 2008. A transcript would be prepared of this hearing and would be submitted to the Missouri Department of Transportation. Any person desiring to be heard should state their name and address in order for the record to be complete. Interested parties could also submit written comments, evidence or recommendations with respect to this project to the Director of Public Works, P. O. Box 6015, Columbia, Missouri 65205, anytime within the next ten days. This information would also be made as a part of the transcript. He asked that the affidavits of publication of the public hearing be made part of the record. After receiving public comment on this project, the hearing would be closed and a motion would be introduced directing staff in the manner the Council wished to proceed. If approved, the City would propose to proceed with final design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

Using the overhead, he described the project section by section. He explained the reason for the offset alignment was due to the creek on the west side at the beginning of the project and the driveways toward Chapel Hill. He noted there were some mitigation issues and described the locations of the proposed conservation easements on the overhead. Two were across Hatfield. There was also a proposed conservation easement off of the West Lawn Owners Association property. In the area of Mesa Drive or Castle Circle was an old platted subdivision where some of the lots were in the floodplain, so they were proposing some conservation easements on those as well. He showed a typical section and stated they were using the same technique as used on East Broadway with regard to the medians having a stamped brick look, but would be mounding it up instead of having it flat. The pedway was on the east side of the road. There would be a traffic signal at Chapel Hill and at Smith Drive and Rollins. He commented that in working with a homeowners association, they had moved the centerline to the west to stay out of the buffer area and a back yard. He noted they were putting in a berm to get some separation and had lowered the vertical alignments causing relief with regard to line of sight from the back yards into the road. He stated they were thinking about putting in a pedestrian tunnel so people could get from the ballparks to the pedway. In addition, there were five tracts south of Mesa Road they were thinking about purchasing for enhanced mitigation.

Mayor Hindman opened the public hearing on all four items.

J. L. Craigmile, 810 Forest Hill Court, stated he had two grandchildren that lived on Broadview Terrace and it frightened him every time he saw the little patch of green right-of-way. He was really pleased with what they had done and were proposing to do and hoped came to fruition.
Chris Kespohl stated he was the attorney representing the West Lawn Homeowners Association and that they were against the offset in the upper mile of the two mile stretch. Throughout the process they had received a lot of information from City staff, but they could not analyze whether it was better for the public, private citizens, and the environment to have the offset versus not having the offset because the one bit of information that would not be disclosed until after this issue was voted upon was how much money in right-of-way would be necessary to obtain the extra 100 feet to create the offset. He could not discuss with the staff whether that was a better plan or not without that information. He was provided the estimated costs of maintaining the current right-of-way, a culvert to be put in underground at the Goodin Branch which would have an environmental impact, and a rear drive to the duplexes, which totaled around $900,000, but he did not know the acquisition costs of the 10-14 acres of land between West Lawn and Chapel Hill Road for the offset of Scott Boulevard. He suggested estimated acquisition costs be disclosed early on because without him knowing what would be paid to West Lawn or the other landowners for acquisition, there could not be true evaluation for the public’s benefit as to whether this was the best project. Since they only had one shot at doing this, he thought it needed to be done right. He referred to the retaining wall on the drawing on the overhead and stated he had contacted staff to determine if they could redraw the road so it would stay perfectly parallel with the retaining wall. He was told that would require the wall to be taller based on grades, etc., but that it could be done. At the greatest point, it would create a 15-20 foot adjustment away from the neighborhood and because the road was only going in the direction of West Lawn due to the stream, he believed it was a viable request. He commented that it might be the width of that berm and adjusting it would preserve that space and there would be less right-of-way that would need to be acquired from West Lawn. He asked the Council to consider requesting staff to report on the cost analysis of the offset versus the not having the offset to include the acquisitions and to look at moving the road a little bit in the section he referred to if they were going to stay with the current path.

Jim Rich, 3105 Lake Town Drive, stated his property, which was the second property south of Cedar Crest, backed up to Scott and he wondered whether there were any plans for land acquisition around that area. Mr. Glascock replied he thought they would need some temporary construction easements. Mr. Rich understood there would be no permanent acquisition. Mr. Glascock stated it did not appear so. It looked as though the line ran down the right-of-way line.

Ed Orr stated he was an attorney and part owner of three duplexes located on the corner of Ludwick Boulevard. They were addressed as 4300 Ludwick, 1111 Scott Boulevard and 1113 Scott Boulevard. He noted he spoke at the August 20, 2007 meeting and had advised the Council that they were pleased with the offset alignment. He pointed out they still were. He explained the alternative to the offset alignment would take so much of the front yards of two of the duplexes causing a severe and almost total condemnation of the value of the property and an important safety issue. He pointed out there was a serious accident in January where a truck cracked a telephone pole in half in the front yard of 1111 Scott Boulevard and landed on his tenant’s automobile. If the road had been where it was originally proposed without the offset alignment, the truck would have been in the living room.
of the duplex on the north side. In addition, if the road took their front yards, they would not be able to use the front facing garages, would have a more severe safety problem and would probably not be able to rent those units. He noted it would be a challenge to rent the units while the construction was going on, but afterwards they would have an access road with less traffic. He understood the concerns of West Lawn, but felt they had been mitigated to some degree. He believed the pros of the offset alignment were outweighed by the cons.

Brian Higgenbotham, 4209 Current Road, stated he lived at the entrance to the West Point Subdivision and had spoken with the engineer about his yard due to the stream in the back and it being so close to Scott Boulevard. He understood the road would be elevated in that area and traffic would be about 40 feet from his bedroom. He wondered if the City would be willing to put some type of buffer or berm there. He noted there was already a berm there, which would be taken out. They also had some pines there, which he found out were not on his property. He noted he also had a fence he thought would be taken down for construction. He stated he had a small business involving a trailer that went in his back yard and was concerned about losing access to his back yard on that side of the road with construction and the fence being down. He noted he had a four year old and a seven month old who played in the back yard and with no fence, there would be security issues. He was concerned about what he would be dealing with when it was his time to sign an easement. Mayor Hindman stated the Council would not be able to answer those questions and suggested he talk to the Public Works Department about those details. Mr. Higgenbotham stated he talked to an engineer who mentioned a blueprint and some options, but it was still in the air as to what would happen. He understood he would have a ten foot high retaining wall on the northwest corner of his lot. His fence would go on top of that making it about 16 feet high in one corner. Mayor Hindman suggested he talk to the Public Work Department and if he felt he still needed further help, he should then talk to his Council representative. Mr. Higgenbotham asked when the acquisition of easements would take place. Mayor Hindman replied relatively soon as that was what Council was authorizing tonight.

Christopher McNeeley, 2207 Corona Road, stated it was the fourth house south of Chapel Hill Road and asked if there would be any kind of a land acquisition with regard to his property. Mr. Glascock replied it appeared as though they would need some temporary construction easements.

Sheri Blumberg, 4306 Sussex Drive, stated she resided in the first house inside The Hamlet Subdivision and about ten steps from the creek and asked how much of the opening of the subdivision would be changed. She was unclear as to what would be done with the creek or the entrance of the subdivision and wondered if the valuation of their homes would change due to the road being widened. Mayor Hindman replied staff would be able to provide information regarding the details involving property being taken and changes in access, but the topic of valuation could not be answered at this time. Ms. Blumberg asked if there would be any change to the entrance and if they would lose any land. Mr. Glascock asked if she was on the west side. Ms. Blumberg replied yes. Mr. Glascock stated their road would be extended the new road as it went towards the east. The right-of-way would remain where it was, but they might need some temporary construction easements in the area. Ms.
Blumberg asked for clarification regarding the creek. Mr. Glascock replied the creek would remain where it was.

Nancy Maddox, 4206 Current Road, stated she lived on the east side of Current Road and asked about the kinds of noise abatement the residents would receive along Scott Boulevard since they were projecting 36,000 vehicles a day along that road. Mayor Hindman replied he did not think noise abatement was part of the project. Mr. Glascock stated it was not. Mayor Hindman commented that they would probably get 36,000 vehicles with or without the improvements. Ms. Maddox thought it was something the Council needed to consider and understood it was considered in most major trafficways in cities. She felt Columbia should look at fencing, berming, trees, etc. for noise control for the citizens along that trafficway.

David Strumpf, 4413 Shoram Court, stated he was the Chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee for The Hamlet Homes Association and noted there had been some hesitancy in knowing this project was coming. He personally felt it was a great idea and plan. It did not appear it would directly impact the entry of their subdivision. He commented that there had been hesitancy for capital improvements because many homeowners had been hearing about this for several years. He explained their covenants limited them in spending only so many dollars per year toward things that beautified the subdivision or entry. He asked if the City was in a position or if there had been any discussion with regard to helping the homeowner associations in beautifying their entryways so it could be amortized in the limitations of their existing covenants. He understood this would be beautiful and wondered how the entryway would keep up. Mayor Hindman suggested he speak with the Public Works Department and the Office of Volunteer Services to see what they might be able to come up with. He noted the Council was interested in ensuring proper landscaping, etc. within the policies they had. Mr. Strumpf commented that they wanted it to be a more beautiful place, but were limited in how they could do it.

There being no further comment, Mayor Hindman closed the public hearing for all four items.

Mr. Skala commented that talking with staff regarding adopt-a-spots and other cooperative agreements were very fruitful. He felt this was a sufficiently complicated improvement, so it was difficult for him to hone in on individual questions. He agreed with Mayor Hindman in that those things needed to be discussed with staff as they were intimately involved with the engineering aspects of the project.

Mr. Wade stated the single most question he was asked was about the situation with Scott Boulevard. He noted he had spoken with the representative of West Lawn. This was a complicated project and had so many different pieces to it. It was a huge change from what was there, so the impact would be extensive. He felt staff had done an admirable job in minimizing those impacts as they would never be eliminated. The adjustments made, although not to everyone’s complete satisfaction, provided something they could all live with and a much safer street. He understood it was not exactly what Mr. Kespolh wanted, but there had been a minimization of impacts. He commented that he was pleased to see this finally going forward. With regard to noise abatement, he noted he did not think it would take place on this project, but was something that merited consideration. It was part of the
challenge as they urbanized. He reiterated he was pleased to see it going forward. He felt the safety and quality of the total design would be good.

Ms. Nauser stated she was happy this was going forward as it was a long awaited project. As they moved into the properties within the Fifth Ward, she asked that staff keep her apprised of issues. She noted she was looking forward to the groundbreaking of this project.

Mr. Wade made the motion directing staff to proceed with the plans and specifications for the project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

B131-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

B132-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

The vote on R117-08 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

OLD BUSINESS

PR108-08 Amending Policy Resolution 47-02A which established the Percent for Art program by removing the liaison member from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The policy resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins noted this was follow up to a report received from the Commission on Cultural Affairs at the April 7, 2008 Council meeting. The current policy resolution had a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Standing Committee on Public Art and it was mutually agreed it would be a better use of everyone’s time if that position was eliminated.

Mr. Skala commented that for a long time, the Planning and Zoning Commission had taken on a lot of responsibility and a number of liaison positions had been assigned to them. The Council was now leaning more on the Planning and Zoning Commission, so they had a tremendous amount of work to do. As a result, he had no problem with the suggestion that they should be relieved of this duty.

Mr. Wade stated the original intent was good, but they had found the presence of a Planning and Zoning Commissioner did not add much to Cultural Affairs.

The vote on PR108-08 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Policy resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

B134-08 Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to establish the Solar One utility program.
The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this was a program they had discussed with Council and it was a companion to the next item the Council would consider involving Quaker Manufacturing. This would create a Solar One utility program and would allow Water and Light customers to purchase small blocks of solar energy at a small premium. They believed one 5 KW system in Columbia would produce enough solar electricity to make 60-65 small blocks available. This would be a voluntary program and those participating would have to agree to pay a small additional amount on their utility bill to offset the cost. This proposed ordinance would provide the authorization staff needed to start operations.

Ms. Hoppe asked if the Quaker Oats project was included in this or if it was totally separate from the Solar One project. Mr. Glascock replied that once the agreement was signed, it would be part of the Solar One utility program. This gave staff the authorization to do what they were trying to do with Quaker.

Ms. Hoppe noted the staff report indicated the program would not sell any more solar energy beyond one percent of the average residential customer’s annual bill and asked for an explanation. Mr. Glascock replied 100 KWH was roughly one percent of the average residential customer’s bill and was the reason they broke it into that type of block. They would be purchasing small blocks versus something that was the total bill.

Mr. Sturtz asked if there was anything to preclude the City from owning a Solar One utility without having to go through a private group like Quaker. Mr. Glascock replied no. The City would just have to invest in the capital. He explained they also had the Dow Project, which was another 5 KW and would be part of the Solar One. They were doing research with the University of Missouri with regard to that project. Mr. Watkins pointed out there were tax credits to help lower the cost for the private sector which the City could not utilize, so by working with a partner, the government would pay a piece of it.

Mr. Janku asked for an explanation of the Dow Project. Mr. Glascock replied Dow Chemical approached the City about a 5 KW project on property the City owned adjacent to the West Ash water plant. The University of Missouri would conduct research on the photovoltaic film by changing it out to see if they could make it better. He noted it was more of a research project, but the City was allowed to sell the energy.

B134-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bill declared enacted, reading as follows:

**B135-08 Authorizing a photovoltaic energy purchase agreement with Quaker Manufacturing LLC.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins noted this was a companion to the legislation the Council had just approved. It would allow the City to enter into a purchase power agreement with Quaker for 5 KW of solar power.

B135-08 was given third reading with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. 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.

B126-08 Approving the Final Plat of Chapel Mills Estates Plat 1 located on the northeast corner of Chapel Hill Road and Mills Drive; authorizing a performance contract.

B127-08 Approving the Final Plat of Chapel Mills Estates Plat 2, a Replat of Lot 2, Arthur Edwin Gibb Subdivision, located on the west side of Mills Drive, between Tremont Court and Hatton Drive; authorizing a performance contract.

B128-08 Vacating easements located within Walnut Brook Subdivision Plat 5.

B133-08 Accepting a grant of easement for sewer purposes relating to the Sewer District 154 project.

B136-08 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with Garney Companies, Inc. for construction of a 36-inch well field supply main from the McBaine Water Treatment Plant to Star School Road.

B137-08 Accepting conveyances for utility purposes.

B138-08 Authorizing conveyance of an electric line easement to Boone Electric Cooperative to allow for the construction of a baseball field complex on the Atkins tract located north of the Boone County Fairgrounds.

B139-08 Appropriating funds for the Parks and Recreation Department C.A.R.E. Gallery program.

B140-08 Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Public Schools to provide a crosswalk guard at Grant Elementary School; appropriating funds.

R109-08 Setting a public hearing: construction of access modifications along Broadway, west of Providence Road (Walgreens Driveway).

R110-08 Authorizing an Adopt A Spot agreement with the Daniel Boone Little League.

R111-08 Transferring funds to close out the Southampton Road project.

R112-08 Authorizing agreements for transportation services with SCI Gateway at Columbia Fund, LLC, The Reserve at Columbia and Campus Lodge Apartments.

R113-08 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Engineering Surveys and Services for the Wabash Walkway project.

R114-08 Authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Boone County relating to a geomorphic stream assessment and training grant.

The bills were given third reading and the resolutions were read with the vote recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Bills declared enacted and resolutions declared adopted, reading as follows:
NEW BUSINESS

R115-08 Authorizing an agreement with First Chance for Children relating to the Mayor and City Council’s Early Childhood Summit; transferring funds.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained this would transfer $1,500 from the Council contingency fund and would authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement to be the co-sponsor for the Early Childhood Summit scheduled for May 30, 2008 by defraying up to $1,500 of travel expenses for the keynote speaker.

Ms. Browning encouraged those who could to attend as it would be an excellent summit on an important topic.

Mr. Wade commented that there was an enormous amount of interest in economic development in this community. This was not the typical kind of economic development topic, but was very pertinent. He hoped many who attended the other economic development seminars and workshops would take advantage of this as well.

Ms. Nauser stated this tied into criminal activity with the youth. There were many cities that had proven quality early childhood education was a deterrent to dropout rates and future criminal activity. If anyone was interested from that perspective, she would encourage them to attend. The key was to educate children.

Mr. Skala commented that he agreed sociological items had a lot to do with crime. They were putting emphasis on the backside of crime with more police and police presence. Early intervention was also really important. He agreed it dealt with economic development as well, as all of these things were tied together. He encouraged everyone to get involved in these issues.

Mayor Hindman noted he had asked that they appropriate money for this event. His agreed it affected economic development and crime, but also gave kids a better chance to have a satisfactory life, which was what it was all about.

The vote on R115-08 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. VOTING NO: NO ONE. Resolution declared adopted, reading as follows:

R116-08 Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with TREKK Design Group, Inc. for locating and inspecting private service laterals and private common collector sewers in the West Stewart Road, Ridge Road and Medavista Drive area.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Watkins explained that as they moved forward with the new policy for private common collectors, specifically with proposed Sewer District 161 located in the west Stewart, Ridge Road and Medavista Drive area, they needed to identify and televise the laterals coming into some of the private common collectors. He noted they were not sure where some of these were or whether the laterals were in descent shape. This would provide them with the basic information needed to move forward with improvements in this area. He pointed out TREKK Design was currently under contract with the City to do the manhole and inflow and infiltration analysis and they could do it significantly quicker and more effectively and efficiently than the City could. This agreement was in accordance with the City’s pre-
qualified professional consultant procurement guidelines, but because it was over $20,000 they needed Council's approval.

Mr. Wade stated this was one of the larger systems out there and due to when these were built, they were not mapped. They needed to find out where they all were in order to determine what kind of shape they were all in. He noted this was baseline data that was needed.

The vote on R116-08 was recorded as follows: VOTING YES: WADE, NAUSER, HOPPE, HINDMAN, STURTZ, JANKU, SKALA. 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.

PR118-08 Amending the City of Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Program, Festivals and Events Guidelines.

B141-08 Rezoning property located on the north side of Berrywood Drive, approximately 400 feet east of Portland Street, from R-1 to O-P; approving the Silver Oak Senior Living O-P Development Plan; setting forth conditions for approval.

B142-08 Rezoning property located on the west side of Brown Station Road, across from Mojave Court, from A-1 to R-1.

B143-08 Vacating a portion of a sanitary sewer easement located on Lot 22 within Bear Creek Village Subdivision; accepting a conveyance for sewer purposes.

B144-08 Authorizing construction of access modifications along Broadway, west of Providence Road (Walgreens Driveway); calling for bids.

B145-08 Calling for bids for non-motorized transportation intersection improvements at Forum Boulevard and Stadium Boulevard, Providence Road and Stadium Boulevard, Providence Road and Stewart Road and Old Highway 63 and Broadway.

B146-08 Authorizing the acquisition of land located at 401 Lawrence Place for storm water control, sewer and water main purposes.

B147-08 Amending Chapter 14 of the City Code to prohibit parking along portions of Executive Drive and Corporate Plaza Drive.

B148-08 Authorizing a Right of Use agreement with Walnut Market LLC for construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of a staircase within the Wabash Alley right-of-way, between Tenth Street and Orr Street.

B149-08 Authorizing the Gibbs Road Customer Transfer Agreement with Consolidated Public Water Supply District No. 1.

B150-08 Accepting a conveyance for underground electric utility purposes.

B151-08 Authorizing an agreement with Ash Street Arts, LLC for the lease of space for the C.A.R.E. program.

B152-08 Appropriating funds for capital equipment replacement.
B153-08 Accepting a donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation for the purchase of recruitment advertisement for the Police Department; appropriating funds.

B154-08 Accepting funds from the County of Boone from the U.S. Department of Justice 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to purchase Taser® equipment for the Police Department; appropriating funds.

B155-08 Accepting the FY 2005 Missouri State Homeland Security Grant Program Interoperable Communications Grant Program – Part II; authorizing a grant agreement; appropriating funds.

B156-08 Amending the FY 2008 Pay Plan by increasing the maximum salary range for City department heads.

B157-08 Authorizing a Cost Apportionment/Road Relinquishment Agreement and Federal Aid Program Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission relating to the Scott Boulevard Phase I reconstruction project, from Rollins Road to Brookview Terrace.

REPORTS AND PETITIONS

(A) Intra-departmental Transfer of Funds.

Mayor Hindman noted this report was for their information.

(B) Highway 763 Landscaping for Entryway.

Mr. Watkins explained this was an informational report in response to a Council question. Staff was suggesting the establishment an adopt-a-spot in the round-a-bout as they moved forward with 763. He noted this was unique because it would be an adopt-a-spot outside of the City limits.

Mr. Janku stated he appreciated the initiative of staff in pursuing an adopt-a-spot for this location. He noted this was one of the original five entryway projects the consultant had identified for the $400,000 budgeted. He asked if they could put a small amount of money, such as $25,000, into the landscaping at this location. He felt asking people to constantly maintain it while coming up with the outlay as well was a significant request. By putting in a modest amount of money, he believed they would get a much better product. In addition, it would be easier to maintain if it was well designed and landscaped as opposed to being piecemealed. Mr. Watkins suggested staff look into that and come back to Council with plans as the project moved further along.

Mr. Skala agreed they set aside money and that this was a worthwhile project, but thought they needed to consider what it was they should do with the money budgeted with this as a possibility. He thought they might want a report from staff.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to provide a report detailing a plan to include a modest amount of money for landscaping the round-a-about at 763.

Mr. Skala asked if that evaluation would include the other entryways into the City or if it only included this entryway. Mr. Janku replied this one was under construction. The others would need to be retrofitted, which was difficult. He thought this could be a model if they found adopters. He felt this was separate since this road project was currently under construction.
Mr. Skala suggested the report include specifics of this project since it was a unique circumstance and also address the funds that were already allocated for some of the entryways in general. Mr. Skala asked that Mr. Janku's motion for a report include the other entryways the money was originally set aside to enhance. Mr. Janku was agreeable to including that in his motion.

The motion made by Mr. Janku and amended by Mr. Skala directing staff to provide a report detailing a plan to include a modest amount of money for landscaping the round-a-bout at 763 and evaluating the other entryways the money was originally set aside to enhance as well was seconded by Mayor Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(C) Boone Hospital Construction – Tree Preservation.

Mr. Watkins explained Council asked staff to look at the tree preservation area at the Boone Hospital Medical Park. It was created under a previous tree preservation ordinance where saving groups and clumps of trees was the approach. These sites were all groupings at the original grade and supported by retaining walls. Over the years, all but one site had been approved, through the appropriate processes, for removal during amendments to the planned development. The reasons had been the decline and death of most of those trees because the system did not work well. The last cleared site contained a 26-inch oak and an 18-inch maple and those were removed during the construction of a temporary parking lot during the winter of 2007/2008. As they went back and reviewed the land disturbance permits, the Public Works Department had granted the permit in error. While there were a lot of reasons that happened, he believed the current ordinance would prohibit that from happening again. He reiterated there was error made with regard to those two trees. It was the City’s error and not Boone Hospital’s error.

Ms. Hoppe asked if they had a provision for requesting replacement of those trees. She understood it was not Boone Hospital’s error. Mr. Watkins replied that as they saw plans for this area of the Medical Park, they could talk to them about trying to find larger trees.

Mr. Skala stated this had a lot to do with tree preservation in its first incarnation many years ago and agreed this was just a mistake. Subsequently, there had been several improvements to the tree ordinance. He believed it had been bolstered and suspected those mistakes would not be made again. He commented that building a berm near a tree was not a viable way of making trees survive and noted they were doing better now.

Ms. Hoppe pointed out these two trees were not in the berm dying stage. Mr. Watkins agreed and stated they should not have been removed.

Mr. Wade commented that they were moving into a stage where there would be a lot of retirements of people with a lot of organizational history. This was clearly a case of where the passing of important information did not occur. He noted it would not unless there was special attention and effort toward it. He thought they needed to be very sensitive of this as they moved into those retirements.
Mr. Wade wondered if a scenic designation had any meaning. He noted Rock Quarry had been designated as a scenic road and wondered how it was different than a road not designated as scenic.

Ms. Hoppe stated she found the report lacking and insufficient as it only commented on three major arterial roads with this being the center one and indicated that if truck traffic was reduced, it would feed out to Old 63 and Providence. She believed that was only one aspect of the whole picture. She felt there were other factors, such as the type of road it was, the type of surface it had, whether it was an appropriate road for large trucks with a certain weight and axle size in terms of safety and whether moving the truck traffic to Old 63 and Providence was a safer thing to do even if it increased car traffic. She commented that the road was curvy and windy, so there were a lot of traffic safety concerns which were not addressed in the report.

Mr. Skala stated he was not kidding when he suggested they consider one-way traffic on this road. He believed the only way to preserve the scenic designation of this road with some of the problems inherent in trying to widen the road was to look outside of the box for another solution.

Mr. Janku asked if they had any traffic counts with regard to the number of trucks on the road. If there were a lot of trucks using it, it could have an impact on Providence and Old 63, but if it was not a high volume, a restriction would not have a big impact. Another issue involved the definition of through truck traffic. He stated through truck traffic did not mean local truck traffic as it was going to a destination.

Ms. Hoppe explained through truck traffic from Grindstone to Stadium was what she had in mind. She commented that in terms of Mr. Skala's suggestion, she might pursue getting the residents and interested parties together to discuss the concerns. She stated truck traffic, safety and the substantial deterioration of the road was a complaint raised to her by the residents.

Mr. Janku asked what the residents’ definition of through truck traffic was. Ms. Hoppe replied it was a destination that was not between Grindstone and Stadium. Mr. Janku did not believe traffic starting at Stadium and going to Grindstone was through traffic if it was going to a local destination. If it was coming from outside those parameters, it might be different. He felt if they could do a traffic count, they could find out if there was significant volume that would impact the other roads. If there was not a significant volume, he did not think it would be a big problem. Mayor Hindman stated if there was, it could do great damage to the road. Mr. Skala did not believe they should be getting hung up on the “through” part of it. He thought it was just “truck traffic” on the stretch of road between Grindstone and Stadium.

Ms. Hoppe suggested organizing a meeting with the neighborhood and a staff person with the City Manager’s permission to discuss the concerns and provide suggestions on what should be done. She stated she was not sure she wanted to go with the one-way route at this time. Mr. Skala commented that he was not suggesting they do that. He just thought it was an option.

Ms. Nauser stated that if they were going to move forward with this by having a meeting, she thought they might want to get some traffic counts in the interim so they
understood the situation. She believed it was better to make decisions with data and if they started now, they might be able to get several seasonal perspectives.

Mr. Glascock pointed out a traffic count would be skewed at this time because they had a development that would be using concrete trucks.

Ms. Hoppe stated she would discuss this further with the neighborhood.

(E) **Disposal of Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs.**

Mr. Watkins explained this was an informational report. He noted there was a small amount of mercury in compact fluorescents, and as part of the program to change out regular light bulbs to compact fluorescents, they discussed how to dispose of them. The solution was to bring them to the City’s household hazardous waste.

Mayor Hindman stated he did not believe they should expect people to take them to the household hazardous waste as he did not think they would do it. He suggested a program involving the places that sold the bulbs having a bin for disposal. He understood a lot of cities were doing that and thought they should look into it further. He felt it was unrealistic to expect people to save their burned out light bulbs and haul them off to the household hazardous waste site.

Mr. Glascock pointed out they were working with retailers to establish drop off sites and noted that was referenced in the report. Mr. Watkins explained this would be done in the meantime. Mayor Hindman thought if this was just in the meantime, it was acceptable.

(F) **Feasibility of locating a Shotgun House at Douglass Park.**

Mr. Watkins stated they had been working with the new owners of the Shotgun house at the corner of Garth and Worley. It was originally scheduled to be demolished as it was a dilapidated structure. Instead of using CDBG money to demolish it, they would use it to move the house to the Boone County Historical Society (BCHS). The BCHS had agreed to refurbish and operate it. It was not impossible to move it to a site at Douglass Park, but if that was done, the BCHS would not restore or operate it. Staff was suggesting they continue to proceed with moving it to BCHS to avoid what would be another Boone house where they had a historical structure without money for refurbishing it.

Mr. Sturtz commended staff for the report as he believed it was thorough in laying out all of the challenges for relocating the house to Douglass Park. It filled him and quite a few others in the neighborhood with a bit of remorse since they could not easily retain it in its original historical context or at least close to its original historical context. He felt moving it to Nifong Park was a descent back up option. He wished they had more time. He understood it was a ticking time bomb because of liability issues. He noted it would have been a nice addition to a black historic cultural district.

Mr. Skala stated he was sympathetic and agreed it was an opportunity that was ripe with possibilities, but thought they could make the same argument about the Easley store, etc. with regard to things in their own context. At this point, he was convinced the safest and most reasonable option was to put it in Nifong Park with a lot of other historic buildings. He agreed it was an opportunity lost.
Mr. Sturtz noted that in a larger context, they did not have a department within the City apparatus that could care for these historic structures. The Office of Cultural Affairs was not equipped for that, so it had been thrown on the Parks and Recreation Department even thought it was not their main function. In the future, they needed someone within City government that could take care of these historic resources.

Mr. Janku commented that this discussion was almost identical to the issue of Pop’s Cabin at Stephens Lake Park, so it was a recurring issue. One positive item coming out of this was that the potential site near Douglass Park was available if another structure with historic relevance needed a location. If they were able to plan in advance, they might be able to accommodate it.

Ms. Hoppe stated she agreed with Mr. Sturtz in that they needed a policy or plan in place, so they could keep homes and historic buildings in their historic context as much as possible in the future. She noted some cities had designated City historic buildings, which was a part of the Parks and Recreation Department function. She thought it would be worth while to look into that to see what could be done in the future.

Mr. Wade agreed the most reasonable thing was to move it to the BCHS site, but he was not sure the best decision was the most reasonable decision. He felt Boone County had a long history of not paying attention to a very rich African-American history. Moving the building out there would disconnect it. He believed the notion of a black historical district had many things going for it, including a very valuable contribution to downtown experiences and options. As the downtown grew and as they had more people coming into Columbia, this could become another place to experience as part of downtown Columbia. He was disappointed to see the BCHS washing their hands of it if it did not go out to their location. He was beginning to wonder if they were becoming an organization whose purpose was the museum and the site as opposed to Boone County history. For this to work, they would have to add an enormous amount in terms of exhibits, research materials, background materials, etc. He felt it was a logical part of their responsibility and thought they might need to create an interest group on African-American Boone County history within the organization. He reiterated the most reasonable thing was to move it there, but he was not sure that decision was in the best interest of Columbia in the long run.

Mr. Sturtz pointed out another option they could pursue was to dismantle the house and put it in storage until they knew what they wanted to do. Mayor Hindman asked if that was practical. Mr. Sturtz replied he was told it was a simple house that could be dismantled without too much effort.

Mr. Skala stated he was torn, but did not feel they could tell the BCHS how far to extend themselves in terms of what they did. He commented that they always had the problem of having to make these types of decisions, at least in the interim, where they might not be well prepared. He understood that was the case now with the problems the owners had with regard to insurance.

Mr. Wade stated he hated to see that kind of historical structure leave downtown.

Mayor Hindman recalled the Pop Collins issue and noted that was a tough decision. He commented that it was probably not in its exact original location, but was likely located on the Gordon Tract which later became Stephens Lake Park. He understood it had been
moved up near the Gordon Manor, which later burned due to arson and was a terrible historic loss. At the time the two were together, it seemed logical to have the manor house and the slave quarters. He recalled the Parks and Recreation Department pointing out they felt the Pop Collins Cabin was in jeopardy out there because they did not have the means to patrol it. The risk of it being totally lost was enough to make them think they should not leave it there. He felt this could be looked at similarly. He thought it would be nice to have a Phase III of Flat Branch Park on the north side of Broadway, which could include the Boone house, this house and the black churches, for a wonderful district, but was concerned the house would be in jeopardy. He noted it would not get the same kind of protection there as it would get at the BCHS site. He thought it would be great if they could find a way to keep it in that area even though it would not be in its original location, so the idea of taking it apart and putting it in storage was intriguing to him. He did not believe they would want to put it in Douglass Park or any place else unless it would be properly cared for and noted they would not be able to figure that out in two weeks. He asked if it was a serious possibility to dismantle and put it in storage. Mr. Sturtz replied the two owners, Mike Martin and Brian Treece, felt it was feasible when he spoke to them a couple weeks ago. They wanted to see a positive conclusion to this story, but did not want to aggressively move it out there. He pointed out they were the ones responsible for saving it from sure destruction and should be commended. In addition, they had been very cooperative in the whole process and in exploring this other option. He noted they had not fully worked out the details of what it would take to dismantle it. He thought it could be costly. Mr. Skala felt it might be worth asking the question. He understood it would take some commitment from the Council to solve this problem if they were really interested in having a black historic district. Mr. Sturtz commented that he understood funds had been set aside for demolition and might be able to be used to help with dismantling and storing it.

Mayor Hindman asked how much time they had. Mr. Skala replied until mid-June. Mr. Sturtz understood the owners wanted it figured out as quickly as possible. Mayor Hindman suggested they look into the possibility of dismantling it. If that was practical, they could consider it. If not, he believed they needed to take it to the BCHS for its own protection. Mr. Sturtz noted they would need to get the owners permission to do this. Mr. Skala stated that seemed reasonable. Mayor Hindman thought another option was to move it to the BCHS and then move it back downtown later. Mr. Janku had the same thought.

Ms. Nauser commented that this potential district had not been outlined and noted the Boone house was asking for a lot of money. She did not want to have something of such historic quality in a box for the next 20 years due to the fact they did not have a plan or money. She thought it might be better to have it at the BCHS so the public could benefit from it.

Mr. Skala thought they should ask if dismantling and storing it was a reasonable possibility. Mayor Hindman suggested they find out if moving it to the BCHS and then back to the downtown was also a possibility. Mr. Sturtz pointed out the cost estimate for moving it was $8,000 to any location. Mayor Hindman thought they should find out if the BCHS would accept it with the idea the City might want to move it back. Mayor Hindman suggested they postpone a decision until the next meeting.
Mr. Sturtz made a motion directing staff to provide a report on the feasibility of dismantling the house and storing it for an indefinite amount of time or loaning it to the BCHS and bringing it back to the downtown at a later date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(G) Parking of Vehicles in Yards.

Mr. Watkins noted this report was in response to a Council request. He explained staff reviewed the current ordinances, which exclusively referred to motorized vehicles and excluded boats, trailers, etc. They were asking Council for guidance on how they wanted to proceed.

Ms. Browning stated that if they wanted to address this issue, they would have to change their ordinances because they were talking about things that were non-motorized. In almost any neighborhood in Columbia, there were boats parked in yards and driveways. She asked if it was the Council’s intent to not allow those to be there and noted a change would cause distress with boat owners and people that owned trailers, etc. She explained some communities were limiting the number allowed in a yard or had surface and screening requirements, etc. She commented that they could further look into what other communities were doing if it was an issue the Council wanted to pursue, but noted there was not a lot out there.

Ms. Nauser understood construction equipment was allowed as long as there was an active building permit and asked how long a building permit could be active. Mr. Glascock replied they were issued for six months, but noted they could be renewed. Mr. Wade understood they could be renewed forever. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct. He explained they had restricted some renewals if something had not started as far as construction. Ms. Nauser stated she was more concerned with the abuse of that as opposed to boats and motor homes. She felt a boat that was not working in the yard for years was different than a retired couple using a boat on the weekend or a motor home in the winter. She wondered if they wanted to penalize those people by making them build garages or put in asphalt parking. She suggested they have stricter requirements on non-working items and limit construction vehicles.

Mr. Skala agreed construction vehicles were a problem and was inclined to think of it in terms of a nuisance problem. He did not believe people who parked their boats and used them on occasion was the issue, but the items that did not work and were there for a long period whether it was construction equipment, boats, etc. was the problem. He stated it was an attractable problem and thought they needed to come up with guidelines beyond what people needed to do for their own preference as it involved a nuisance to other people. He noted he did not have a solution, but thought they needed to identify the limits to which these things constituted a nuisance for the rest of the community.

Mr. Janku stated he agreed construction equipment was a problem. He did not know if it needed to be tied to an active building construction project or an active building permit, but felt there needed to be some evidence of construction going on with the use of that particular equipment. He thought they needed to find a phrase or language with an objective term that could be enforced. With respect to boats, etc., he wondered if licensing would be the answer.
He felt if objective standards were applied, it would not be a problem for the user who took it out periodically.

Mayor Hindman stated this was a complicated issue and suggested it be added to a work session agenda. Mr. Janku noted that if it made the work session list, it would be hard to make it a priority considering the other major topics.

Mr. Wade noted part of the stimulus for this had come from incidents in his ward. He pointed out it was not an issue of individual boat trailers. It was an issue when boat trailers and other non-motorized items ended up together as a junkyard. With regard to construction equipment, in one instance, it looked as though an individual was getting a building permit, but using the trucks as part of the construction industry out of his home. It created problems with noise at 6:00 a.m. and some ugliness in the neighborhood. The difficulty with the present ordinance was that they could not do anything with instances where there were serious issues of nuisances. He wondered how they could create an ordinance to address this issue. He noted Ms. Browning and Mr. Glascock had been involved with at least 3-4 of these and their hands were tied and the neighbors had legitimate claims. In one neighborhood, the problem was serious enough that people were beginning to talk about moving.

Ms. Browning explained that for the most part, they could resolve a lot of things fairly quickly under the current nuisance and abatement ordinances, but they had some tough challenges in looking at what might become an ordinance. The majority of people did things fine, so the question was how to craft an ordinance to deal with these small problems. She pointed out that if a boat sat out in front of a house uncovered year after year and was collecting water, the boat could be dealt with as a source of stagnant water and a mosquito breeding site. She explained they were always trying to look for ways to address the issues. With regard to the house near Mayor Hindman’s neighborhood, all of the cars were licensed. There were just a lot of things on that one piece of property.

Ms. Hoppe understood it was a zoning ordinance violation if a residential property had a lot of construction equipment on it and it appeared as though it was being used for a business and asked what kind of follow up was done. Mr. Glascock replied they would send an investigator to talk to the person to find out what they were using it for and if there was a violation. Ms. Hoppe asked what would happen if there was a violation. Mr. Glascock replied they would send them written a letter telling them to desist and would send it to the City Prosecutor if they did not. Ms. Hoppe understood people in R-1 and R-2 could pave their backyard and side yard from lot line to lot line with approved material and asked if they could do that and if they were subject to stormwater considerations. Mr. Glascock replied if it was less than one acre, they could. Mr. Skala pointed out it would be cost prohibitive. Mayor Hindman noted they did not have to pave it. They could put in a dust-free rock surface which would be pervious.

Mr. Janku asked if staff thought they had some ideas of what Council wanted based on this discussion. He did not think a work session would benefit them. Mr. Glascock stated he and Ms. Browning could come up with something, but thought it could have some unintended consequences.
Mayor Hindman noted they would be interested in how they could resolve situations such as the one with five licensed vehicles, a motor home, a boat, a motor and a bicycle outside. He thought they needed to think of areas where people were getting past the ordinance or doing things that were unacceptable to their neighbors. Another example was an over the road truck in a driveway that was larger than the house. He thought that was probably legal as well. Mr. Janku thought they could argue that was a commercial use in an R-1 area.

Mr. Skala agreed they wanted to focus on these egregious examples of five cars, two boats, etc. He noted in his neighborhood, they had big tow trucks and diesel cabs they had put up with until the people moved away. He thought they needed to be able to do something with the egregious examples where people played the system. He did not think they would be able to solve the problem for all of these exceptions.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to provide a report with specific ideas for wording they could take up at a work session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

(H) Street Closure Request – Twilight Festival.

Mayor Hindman made a motion to approve the street closures as requested. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nauser and approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CODES COMMISSION
Creasy, Jay, 911 West Rollins Road, Ward 4, Term to expire August 1, 2008
Peterson, Christopher, 2012 Old 63 S., Apartment 501, Ward 6, Term to expire August 1, 2008

DISABILITIES COMMISSION
Fields, Hazel, 217 W. Broadway, Apartment D1, Ward 1, Term to expire June 15, 2011
Page, Homer, 503 N. Brookline Drive, Ward 5, Term to expire June 15, 2011
Rosenholtz, Sandra, 4700 Brandon Wood, Ward 5, Term to expire June 15, 2011

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS
Malicoat, Fred, 4101 N. Wappel Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire August 1, 2010

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION
Goldstein, Daniel, 604 Redbud Lane, Ward 4, Term to expire June 1, 2011
Parker, Richard, 215 W. Sexton Road, Ward 1, Term to expire June 1, 2011

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Miller, Kathy, P. O. Box 41, County, Term to expire September 1, 2009
**HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**
Lewis, Max, 1201 Paquin, Apartment 609, Ward 1, Term to expire May 31, 2012
Kinney, Marvin, 1623 Highridge Circle, Ward 4, Term to expire May 31, 2012

**MAYOR’S COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS**
Heider, Jaclyn, 803 E. Green Meadows, Apartment 205, Ward 6, Term to expire November 30, 2009

**BOARD OF MECHANICAL EXAMINERS**
Burks, Charles, 1151 Highpoint Lane, County, Term to expire June 17, 2011

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**
Blevins, Marin, 508 Smoky Mountain Court, Ward 4, Term to expire May 31, 2011
Heitkamp, Kristen, 600 Paris Court, Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2011

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**
Peters, Ann, 3808 Berrywood Drive, Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2013

**PLUMBING EXAMINERS BOARD**
Arms, Bret, 2506 Oakfield Drive, Ward 3, Term to expire May 31, 2010
Schulz, Bill, 1716 Stirling Court, Ward 5, Term to expire May 31, 2010

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Baxter, Karen, 117 Fourth Avenue, Ward 1, Term to expire December 31, 2008
Dunn, Michael, 1225 Sunset Drive, Ward 4, Term to expire December 31, 2009
Hurt, Carol, 4800 Melissa Drive, Ward 3, Term to expire December 31, 2009
Lawson, Ewell, 109 Gondolier Drive, Ward 2, Term to expire December 31, 2009
Youmans, Julie, 2101 Rock Quarry Road, Ward 6, Term to expire December 31, 2009

**COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

Ken Midkiff, 1005 Belleview Court, stated he was the Conservation Chair of the Osage Group of the Sierra Club and wanted to discuss the drinking water. He understood the Columbia Water Department acknowledged its water exceeded EPA limits for total trihalomethanes by an annual average of all levels, which was sometimes higher and sometimes lower. The general rule was that the longer the water remained in the system, the longer the chlorine had to react with organic matter and disinfectant byproducts or trihalomethanes. He had not seen the monitoring data, but guessed water usage was the lowest in the winter with a spike of trihalomethanes and water usage increased in the summer so there were less trihalomethanes in the summer. He pointed out the exceedance was based on the annual average, which was important because there were all kinds of harmful health affects from drinking water laced with trihalomethanes. Some of the problems involved the liver, kidney, urinary tract, gastrointestinal dysfunctions, poor fetal development resulting quite often in spontaneous abortions or miscarriages, lower sperm quality, and lower birth rates. One study conducted by the California Department of Health showed the rate of miscarriages almost doubled from drinking water with 70 parts per billion of trihalomethanes.
and 70 was deemed to be a safe level. According to a letter everyone on the Columbia water system received, all was well, even at an annual average of 82.3 parts per billion. The letter also focused on cancer and stated the truth according to the CDC and EPA in that it took a long time to develop cancer. The letter referenced two liters per day for 70 years. He saw only one study from Santa Fe that refuted it. The Santa Fe Health Department indicated it would take 20 years, which was still a long time. The letter also stated there were other problems and while acknowledging total trihalomethanes might cause kidney, liver and central nervous system problems, there was no indication of how much water for how long or what type of problems could be caused. University and public health websites from various states warned against drinking trihalomethanes tainted water for any length of time in any amount. They asserted that even short term ingestion was harmful. He stated that fortunately avoidance and removal were fairly easy. Avoidance could be obtained by treating the drinking water with less chlorine or using some other method to kill the potential germs. Radiation and ozone were mentioned, but were expensive and the addition of hydrogen peroxide prior to treating with chlorine would likely make the water taste bad. Removal could be accomplished by filtering the water through activated charcoal or by letting the tainted water stand for several hours so the trihalomethanes evaporated. Unfortunately, this meant the burden of removal was placed on the end user, which he did not feel was right because the water that came from the tap was required by federal law to be safe per levels set by the EPA. The EPA set that limit at 80 parts per billion, but the water that came from his tap exceeded that limit. He believed the City of Columbia had broken the law and needed to do something immediately to solve the problem.

Ms. Hoppe asked what he was specifically recommending they do. Mr. Midkiff replied that in short term, he thought activated carbon filters should be used. Ms. Hoppe asked if he was suggesting the City pay for people to have filters. Mr. Midkiff replied he thought the City should either bring the water immediately into compliance or pay households to buy activated charcoal filters.

Mr. Skala understood some of the system was not a closed loop, but an open loop and asked if flushing the system alleviated the problem. Mr. Watkins replied it was a temporary fix. Mr. Skala understood flushing the system was a temporary fix because they were still closed systems. Mr. Watkins stated that was correct.

Mr. Glascock explained that while activated charcoal had an impact, it needed to be in contact with it for hours, so it could not just flow through as that did not complete the job. He noted staff felt the water turned over every 3-4 days, so they were looking at different ways to turn it over quicker. They were also looking at where the samples were taken. He pointed out the language in the letter came from DNR as they required it be stated that way.

Mayor Hindman assumed many samples met the current regulations. Mr. Glascock replied yes and noted the last one was under the .08. Mayor Hindman understood they took samples from different parts of the water system. Mr. Glascock stated that was correct. Mayor Hindman understood the last one was an average of all of the samples and was below. The other average was above, which meant some samples were higher and some were lower. He asked if there was any relationship to the amount of water people used from the area of the sample source. He understood part of the problem had to do with areas the
City had taken over from water districts where there were smaller pipes and a radial feed. He thought they were meeting the requirements where they had loops. Mr. Glascock replied the area they took the sample from was far from the treatment plant, so it took a long time to get there and to turn over. Another issue was the temperature of the water, which had a lot to do with how organisms grew so they also needed to look at that. Mayor Hindman understood the problem was coming from what had been annexed in by taking over water districts. Mr. Glascock replied they sampled all over the City, not just in certain areas. It was an average of the whole system. Mayor Hindman stated he understood that, but thought the high ones were in the areas that were annexed as opposed to what had been built in the City. Mr. Glascock explained the issue was where the water sat the longest, which was farther out in the system and in the radial feeds.

Mr. Skala commented that some of this involved what constituted an average, where they sampled and the range between the low and the high and asked if this was a scientific sample from all over the water distribution system or if it was weighted. Mr. Glascock replied they worked with DNR to select certain sites to sample. Mr. Skala asked how the sites were selected. Mr. Glascock replied there were certain criteria and it was approved by DNR. Mr. Skala understood this was supposedly a representative scientific sample of the entire water system. Mr. Watkins thought they tended to pick the ones where they thought the City would have the biggest problem. They were not going to do 1,000 samples where they knew things were in great shape. They went to the places at the end of the system where there was a problem. Mr. Skala did not believe that was an average. Mr. Watkins noted it was the average over a year. Mr. Watkins explained the last samples were below, but were not below enough to meet the average requirement for the cutoff period. Mr. Glascock stated with the contract, they were going to sample at a lot of different places to find out where the hot spots were. Mr. Skala felt that would be a legitimate average.

Ms. Hoppe asked what the high and low samples were. Mr. Glascock replied he was not certain, but thought the lows were in the 60’s and the highs were above 80 but not in the 90’s. Ms. Hoppe asked if those numbers were available to the public and Council. Mr. Glascock replied yes.

Ms. Hoppe understood the trihalomethanes had been going up steadily since 2003 and asked what had been done when that was noticed. Mr. Glascock replied he understood they moved the sampling point to a different point to see if it had any impact and had tried to do different things on the system. He noted he was not working with them at the time, so he did not know. Mr. Watkins understood they had worked with DNR to lower the amount of chlorine being used at the plant, which had a temporary positive impact.

Mr. Janku asked how the City planned to move forward. Mr. Watkins replied DNR had directed the City to do an average system sampling over a period of many months in order to find the location and timing of the problem. Staff was also looking at what could be done at the plant that they were currently not doing. They needed to work with DNR because the law indicated the treatment process could not be changed without getting an okay from the appropriate folks. He noted they would probably have a contract approved with Jacobs, the company that designed the treatment plant, to provide ideas on what they could do at that end.
Ms. Hoppe asked if there was interaction between the wetlands and the water wells that might impact this situation. She wondered if studies had been done. Mr. Watkins replied he thought the best way to look at that was to look at the raw water coming in and its contents. That would be part of what they wanted Jacobs to do. Mr. Janku noted they had a water monitoring system at the wells with the USGS doing the monitoring for many years.

Mr. Skala understood that would provide a comparison between the bad stuff in the pipes and the new stuff coming into the system. Mr. Watkins stated those were the two approaches they were looking into. Mayor Hindman did not believe the issue they had now was related to what was coming into system. It was a reaction to the chlorine. Mr. Watkins understood the numbers coming out of the plant were in the 40’s and the numbers were roughly doubling in the system. One question was how they could do to get the 40 down as that was one way to solve the problem. Mr. Skala asked if they were alone in having this problem. Mr. Watkins replied there were a number of systems that had it. He noted Water District No. 9 had been sending out letters due to radon for a long time. He explained the monitoring they were required to do was good because they were finding things they needed to address. Mr. Skala understood they were finding things because they were looking harder. Mr. Watkins stated that was true to some extent. They now had the technology to measure smaller pieces. Mayor Hindman pointed out their record had been good because they had gone 30 years without a citation.

Ms. Hoppe asked if someone was specifically interested in what the liver, kidney or central nervous system effects were, if that was information DNR had. Mr. Glascock replied DNR provided the verbiage for the letter.

Mr. Skala stated he spoke with some of the members of GetAbout Columbia, who were enthusiastic about what they were doing, and noted he did not want them to forget about the Hominy Branch Trail that connected with Clark Lane and The Links development all of the way underneath I-70 and to Woodridge Park. There was a comment indicating there was difficulty in encouraging the engineers to look at that part of the trail. He understood there was a lot of discussion regarding paved and unpaved trails, etc. and stated he would love to have a connection from the Hominy Branch all of the way into Woodridge and eventually into Hinkson, whether it was paved or not. He understood there were sewer easements in the area. He asked staff to review it as part of the PedNet Spoke and Wheel concept and GetAbout Columbia. He understood they needed to reasonably spend some of that money and encouraged another look at that. Mayor Hindman stated it was being looked at.

Mr. Skala understood there were a couple speed humps scheduled for Eastland Hills and thought they might want to think along the lines of tables and/or speed humps. He noted the work had not commenced and suggested it be looked into.

Mr. Skala made a motion directing staff to provide report on the feasibility of speed tables and/or speed humps in Eastland Hills and explain what the better option would be.

Mr. Skala thought they might want a report on noise mitigation in terms of I-70 and other areas people were starting to talk about. He noted they did not know a lot about noise
mitigation outside of traveling to other cities. He thought it was coming here, so they needed to know something about it. He wanted some information and background regarding it.

Mr. Skala made a motion directing staff to provide report regarding noise mitigation in terms of I-70 and other areas people were starting to talk about. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe noted the Council had received a letter from Martha John, the Chair of the Board of Adjustment, who indicated many issues came up in terms of older neighborhoods and the setbacks required for improvements and additions. She understood it was essentially an automatic approval by them, so they were asking Council to adjust the ordinance. Instead of having a median setback, they were suggesting taking the smallest of the existing setbacks in older neighborhoods as long as it was not less than 25 feet, which was the standard under the current ordinances. She suggested an ordinance for such a revision or for it to be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission if that was more appropriate.

Mr. Janku commented that when the overlay district was done for the East Campus, the setback issue was really controversial. Mr. Skala pointed out the overlays did not overrule the zoning ordinances. They were just on top of the zoning ordinances.

Mayor Hindman thought this would be fine to consider, but noted the Affordable Housing Task Force had asked the Council to reduce the setbacks far more than that. Ms. Hoppe stated she would be agreeable to having the Planning and Zoning Commission look at both issues. Mayor Hindman noted they could act on this and when they got into the affordable housing issue, they could review the whole thing. Mr. Skala suggested it be broadened to setbacks in general.

Mr. Boeckmann noted this would involve a zoning code ordinance so it would have to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and asked if they wanted a report first. Ms. Hoppe replied her thought was to refer it to Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Wade wondered if they might first want a report on the whole issue of setbacks before they asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to address it. Mr. Skala noted that would inform the Commission as well. Mayor Hindman suggested it include the impact of the suggestions in the Affordable Housing report.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding setbacks to include the suggestion by the Board of Adjustment and the Affordable Housing Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe noted the Annie Fisher house was located on Old 63 and explained Ms. Fisher was an African-American woman who had labored in the fields, had a second grade education, and had a flare for cooking as she had won awards in the 1904 Worlds Fair. She had commissioned St. Louis architects to build the home, which was quite elegant, in the 1920’s and had operated a restaurant out it. She felt it was a historic home and understood this home would be destroyed to put in storage units. She could not recall if they made a motion for an ordinance referring homes older than 50 years to the Historic Preservation Commission for review before being demolished. Mr. Watkins thought they received a report
from the Historic Preservation Commission, but was not sure of the action taken. Mr. Skala thought it was discussed with regard to the house that was removed for fill on 763, but did not believe it had been acted upon.

Ms. Hoppe asked if they had already received a demolition permit. Mr. Watkins replied he did not know. Mr. Skala thought it would be worth receiving a report to find out the status of it, so the could take action if needed. Ms. Hoppe felt it would be a shame to lose this home without looking at what could be done to preserve it.

Mr. Skala made a motion for staff to provide a report regarding the Annie Fisher house at 2911 Old Highway 63 to include the demolition permit status. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoppe and approved unanimous by voice vote.

Ms. Hoppe wanted GetAbout Columbia to look at an addition to the system. She stated Rock Quarry Road was steep and noted she found herself walking with her bicycle up that road since she could not bike it. She commented that it was very narrow and people used it to get to the Grindstone Trail from College/Stadium, so she wanted them to look into creating a bike and pedestrian access on Rock Quarry Road because she believed it would be used a lot since it was next to the University.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion directing GetAbout Columbia to provide a report with regard to bike and pedestrian access on Rock Quarry Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Sturtz understood the ordinances now required any new street that was over 800 feet in length to have a break or curve in it. He noted there were a lot of north/south streets in Ward 1, between Ash and Worley and specifically between McBaine and West Boulevard, that exceeded 800 feet. He thought they were closer to 1,200 or 1,500 feet in length.

Mr. Sturtz made a motion for staff to develop a process for retrofitting older streets by putting in a break or traffic calming device of some kind in the middle of the street if there was a consensus on the block. He pointed out these cases came up one by one, so he thought it would be great to have a process where a batch could be taken up at one time.

Mr. Skala understood there was also some interaction between the width of the street and traffic calming and asked if he thought these streets should be considered due to their length regardless of their width. Mr. Sturtz replied anecdotally complaints came in weekly and noted Mr. Wade could attest to it at the last office hours he held as Hirth, Oak and McBaine were discussed then. He pointed out it was a problem and thought it would be nice to be able to deal with all of them without doing it one by one.

The motion made by Mr. Sturtz for staff to develop a process for retrofitting older streets by putting in a break or traffic calming device of some kind in the middle of the street if there was a consensus on the block was seconded by Mr. Janku and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Sturtz commented that tree trimming in his neighborhood had been seen as hacking or mutilating. There was a perception of not as much care being given on streets like McBaine and Worley near McBaine with regard to the way trees were pruned around power
lines. He thought it might be a case where in certain neighborhoods, the neighbors monitored the process very closely and in others, they did not.

Mr. Sturtz made a motion directing staff to provide a report looking at whether the best practices for trimming trees were being used in certain neighbors. He noted he was not advocating any unsafe things to happen, but in some cases more extreme measures were being taken than were needed.

The motion made by Mr. Sturtz was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Hindman noted the City received an annual award for excellent tree trimming practices. They hired Asplundh to do the tree trimming and he thought they did the same thing everywhere. He believed the problem was the power line and explained the biggest problem with overhead power lines was that they required the trimming of trees, so there would never be a canopy. He felt it became very conspicuous on streets such as those referred to by Mr. Sturtz. He thought the report would indicate it was a standard technique approved by the Arbor Day group.

Ms. Hoppe stated she had personal experience with this over the years and thought it was true that if one caught them while they were assessing the situation to discuss it, one would receive a better outcome. If no one was home, they would have their way with it.

Mr. Janku asked if notification was provided indicating when they would be in the neighborhood. Mr. Watkins replied he thought they were providing door hangers.

Mr. Wade stated he joined Mr. Sturtz at his office hours and the observation by several was that if they were in a ward with wealthier and more influential people, the tree trimming would be different. He thought there might be some truth to that. He commented that there was beginning to be more tree trimming that did not destroy the canopy. The standard the department liked to justify came from one of the national electrical organizations, which required a 10 foot view to the sky. He understood there were other techniques that were starting to be used more and more because they were discovering it was not necessarily the canopy that did the damage.

Mr. Sturtz noted Lee Radtke, who managed Paquin Towers, was complaining about drinking in the pocket park next door. She was reporting a lot of intoxicated people and people urinating and questioned their proximity to Lee Elementary. He was not sure how to rectify the problem without getting into legal issues. He asked if they could limit drinking in one specific park. Mr. Boeckmann replied they could if they could justify it as being rational, such as it being the only park where they had problems.

Mr. Wade commented that one suggestion made was to use the same standard that applied to bars in relationship to churches. Mr. Sturtz stated it was within one hundred feet or so. Mr. Janku understood they would have to obtain permission of the institution. Mr. Boeckmann explained it was the Council’s decision, but they could obtain input from the school or church.

Mr. Sturtz made a motion for staff to provide a report on the legal options available for restricting drinking at a park next to a school.
Mr. Janku thought some of those actions were probably violations of the law already, so enforcement might be another avenue. Mr. Skala suggested they could look into the whole nuisance problem and the restrictions of within 500 or 1,000 feet of churches and schools.

The motion made by Mr. Sturtz for staff to provide a report on the legal options available for restricting drinking at a park next to a school was seconded by Mr. Wade and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku noted the letter from the Board of Adjustment also referenced cell towers and stated he thought they had already asked for a report on it due to the issue south of town. He asked about the status of the report. Mr. Watkins replied he was not sure and would check on it.

Mr. Janku stated he was contacted by a constituent regarding the sidewalk on Texas Avenue, just east of Jackson where there was a dip in the road and a wood fence against the sidewalk due to the creek because it was caving in and the fence was decaying. He hoped staff would take care of it as part of annual maintenance.

Mr. Janku commented that a good while back, he had brought up the issue of bike lanes on Smiley, west of 763. He understood it had gone through the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and that they also had an ordinance to remove parking. He explained the reason he brought it up was that it was street connecting Rangeline and Providence, which were potential pedways, and because development would be occurring. He thought they would want to get the bike lanes in place before development occurred. He was not sure if it needed to be a part of GetAbout Columbia or if they could do something through their normal City bike lane projects. Mr. Watkins stated he would look into that.

Mr. Janku stated he talked to Mr. Skala earlier regarding whether bike lanes should be on Oakland Gravel Road and noted they had not removed any parking yet, so there could be some controversy.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding the options for a bike lane extending from Vandiver, which had a bike lane, north to the overpass leading to the Fairgrounds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Janku recalled that when the extension of Providence and the bridge was discussed, they also discussed a sidewalk and what would be done at Vandiver. He asked what would happen at that intersection in terms of vehicle traffic because there would be a heavier flow from the north and if any improvements would be made for pedestrians. Mayor Hindman asked if he was referring to the intersection at Providence and Vandiver. Mr. Janku replied yes.

Mr. Janku made a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding the intersection of Providence and Vandiver in terms of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hindman and approved unanimously by voice vote.
Mayor Hindman stated he was a big believer in traffic calming and wanted to see the program expanded as much as possible. He asked if there was a separate budget item for traffic calming. Mr. Watkins replied yes. Mayor Hindman understood when they asked for traffic calming in specific neighborhoods, funds were taken from that budget item. Mr. Watkins stated he believed so. Mr. Janku pointed out CDBG funds could also be used for projects like that. Mayor Hindman thought they might want to devote attention to that as they discussed the budget since speed in neighborhoods was a bothersome thing to a lot of people.

Mayor Hindman noted they had received a report regarding plastic bags and many people had approached him indicating it was bad that the City had all of these plastic bags out there. One of the things in the report was that Wal-Mart shipped their plastic bags to make something out of them. He asked if anyone had discussed the City collecting them and adding them to that shipment. Mr. Watkins replied the problem was that the plastic bags they received were very dirty. There was no good way to wash them out. Even the blue bags were dirty. It was the process of trying to clean them for recycling that made it difficult.

Mr. Skala understood some retailers in the Northwest were charging for plastic bags. Mayor Hindman understood some retailers were paying customers a nickel if they used their own bags. Mr. Skala thought there were some innovative ways of dealing with this that would bypass the issue of cleaning the bags. He was not certain what had been looked into.

Mr. Sturtz commented that the dirtiness did not affect recycling HDP or PEP bottles. He did not know if it was different with regard to bags on the market. He thought there was probably a lot of plastic being collected that was not being used around the Country. It went beyond collection in terms of reusing it. It was dependent on whether there was a market for it.

Mr. Janku noted there was an article in the Post Dispatch that indicated at least 20 percent of what was collected and shipped to Alabama to be recycled ended up in the landfill.

Mayor Hindman reminded everyone to attend the groundbreaking for the new City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk