

Council Work Session Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2005, 6:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building

Council Members Present: Mayor Hindman, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser and Brian Ash.

Council Members Absent: Almeta Crayton (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

City Manager Ray Beck and various other staff members were present.

CM Hiring Process – Council scheduled work sessions on Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26 (if needed) to conduct consultant interviews.

Budget Work Sessions – Monday, August 22 and Wednesday, August 24.

Code Issues – tabled until the September 6 Council meeting. Schedule for future pre-Council/work session – Dan Darnell and Chairman of the Codes Commission.

Proposed Personnel Package for FY06 – the City Manager reviewed the recommended salary/benefit plan for FY2006 and the goals of the personnel package for FY2006. The City Manager has three meetings scheduled on Tuesday to present this information to the represented and unrepresented groups.

Downtown Office Space Update – the City Manager indicated that he met with the architect for the Howard/Gentry Buildings and forwarded to Council the revised building schedule. He indicated that we're going to try to stick with this schedule and take alternate bids to assure the projects stay within budget. The architect is also reviewing costs for the Daniel-Boone Building expansion. A schedule will need to be developed for this building. The next step is for the architect to develop a clear picture of the costs. The City Manager reported that he has been reviewing the parking utility revenues and options available – alternate place in immediate area or add one level to the parking plaza.

Council asked if a level could be added to the 10/Cherry Garage. Mr. Beck indicated he would find out.

Council requested updated information on building rental costs for city office space and how much would be eliminated with the building projects described above.

Council would like to postpone public hearings on the building issue until after the November election.

Ballot Issue

Bill Watkins explained the meeting format for the two public meeting sessions on ballot issue items – July 13 and July 14.

Transportation – reviewed revised street list dated July 11, 2005. Remove Current Council Priority and list projects in alphabetical order; break up contingency amount.

Fire – Relocation of Station No. 7 – include on ballot; City Manager to discuss priorities more with the Chief; place two new stations on the ballot.

Parks – Mike Hood reviewed the draft ballot proposal to extend 1/8 cent park sales tax. Hood described the information they plan to present at the public information sessions – maps, power point presentation, etc. The detailed list of projects will not be available.

Other Items the Council May Wish to Discuss

South Grindstone Sewer – City Manager asked if it would be okay to bid through the Purchasing Agent. Council indicated no problem in doing so, but they would like report on the bids.

First Christian Church Parking Lot Lease Renewal – the City Manager will review this as it relates to the Wabash Station renovations.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.