

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes –February 18, 2008, 5:45 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Chris Janku, Almeta Crayton, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe.

Absent: None

The City Manager reviewed the following calendar items:

Monday, February 25, Work Session. Storm water management assessment report will be held in the Council Chamber.

Monday, March 3, pre-Council, topics: CSA Commission will make a presentation and Council will receive a staff report; bond sale briefing. S&P bond report was included in last week's Council packet.

Confirmed two March work sessions - Thursday, March 6, Work Session (following open house, Phase I lobby). Topic: long range transportation plan; and Monday, March 31.

2008 Proposed topic schedule – reviewed schedule. Council comments/suggestions:

Hoppe – 25 mph speed limit

Nauser – overall changes to Council work plan and how to get things done – will have a report for next meeting.

Wade – street light policy

Downtown Incentives – need discussion at work session or proceed with introduction or ordinances

Jeff MacLellan, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Policy Committee, led the discussion regarding the Committee's report. Mr. MacLellan introduced members of the committee present tonight. He indicated a copy of the report was provided to Council.

The Committee members listened to Council comments and answered Council questions. Some of the key points included:

- Condo conversion opportunities
- Housing Trust Fund/not for profit organization/private/public partnership
- Thistle program in Boulder, Colorado
- NIMBY issues and how those can be addressed
- Affordable Housing template – examples include Seattle and Portland
- Modification of regulatory barriers; such as, reducing minimum lot size – 7,000 sq feet to 3,500 sq feet
- Lot width and setback requirements
- Process changes that would be beneficial – page 8 of report
- Incentives to upgrade older homes and make energy efficient
- Build smaller, high-density units that are energy efficient