

Columbia City Council  
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2008, 5:45 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present:      Almeta Crayton (Acting Mayor Pro Tem), Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nausser and Barbara Hoppe.

Absent:                              Mayor Hindman and Chris Janku

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Councilman Wade provided everyone with a handout outlining his concerns with an item being introduced at tonight's Council meeting (B16-08). Mr. Wade discussed his concerns with Council and received informal support from the Council members to review his ideas with the Mayor.

Paula Hertwig Hopkins provided Council an update on the vision process. The Sponsor's Council has received the vision plan and it's also available on the city's web site. The two co-chairs would like to make a presentation to the Council but they were unable to attend this evening's meeting. The presentation will be made at the Council's January 28<sup>th</sup> work session.

The City Manager reviewed the January 28<sup>th</sup> work session topics. They include: downtown incentives, presentation by the Vision co-chairs, and discussion of the CIP. Discussion of the Council's goals will be delayed until a February work session.

The Finance Director led the discussion on the 2009 proposed budget process. The Council received a handout outlining the proposed budget process for FY09. Ms. Fleming reviewed the handout which included a timeline for the capital improvement plan and the operating budget. Staff asked for Council input on the proposed process.

Council asked that extra effort be made to invite citizens to attend the early budget work session and that adequate time be allowed for Council conversation of the issues. Council requested time restraints are placed on the material presented. Areas most helpful to Council include capital, earmark funds, and discretionary operational.

Staff was asked to send Council an email reminder to review the CIP prior to Monday's work session.