

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room
Daniel-Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Paul Sturtz, Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: Laura Nauser

Prior to discussion of work session agenda topics, the City Manager reviewed the following:

Scheduled work session – Saturday, July 26, 8:00 a.m., location: to be determined; meet with Parks/Rec Commission, Board of Health, Historic Preservation Commission, and Bike/Ped Commission (subject to their availability)

At the July 7 pre-Council – schedule (3) budget work sessions. City Manager Watkins warned the Council that it was necessary to cut facility/programs in this year's budget.

Reminder – June 27, 2-4 p.m., Council Chamber, Randy Boehm retirement reception.

June 30, 9:00 a.m. Home Ownership Event, Alumni-Faculty Lounge, S304 Memorial Union, University of Missouri – Columbia

Review of budget calendar:

CIP public hearing – July 21 Council meeting

Closed Meeting, 6pm, July 21, Municipal Judge evaluation

August 4 pre-Council – program of work/role – CDBG, CVB, CSA, CA Commission followed by presentation of funding recommendations at August 18 Council meeting – start time 6pm.

Solid Waste Utility Master Plan

City Manager Watkins indicated that staff, working with a consultant, has prepared a draft solid waste utility master plan. Tonight, Council will also review proposed changes to commercial rates and the bag delivery system.

Richard Wieman, Solid Waste Utility Manager, introduced the consultants and provided background information along with some of the changes that have been made since the last master plan review. He indicated that the last “complete” master plan review was completed in 1990 and he described some of the accomplishments that have been made thus far, including the construction of a material recovery facility.

He explained the city hired a consultant, Barker Lemar, to develop a master plan and the plan that has been developed is a “draft” master plan. He introduced Matt Neiswender and Jeff Phillips. The consultant made a presentation that outlined several prioritization results (22 priorities were identified).

Prioritization Result 4. includes automated collection. Mr. Janku described the cons of implementing such a program, including aesthetics. Mr. Wieman described the changes in the industry and the many reasons why a single stream, automated collection is becoming very popular.

Prioritization Result 15, includes the elimination of the Parkside Mulch site. Mr. Janku described the problems with eliminating this site.

Ms. Hoppe asked for clarification of the recycle/reuse of large items (white goods).

Mr. Wade expressed an interest in the budget impact of these priorities (estimates are included in the full report). It would be helpful to receive an implementation proposal with an economic analysis.

Mayor was interested in rationale for eliminating glass from curbside recycling. Mr. Wieman explained that it's very abrasive. In addition, we are experiencing unexpected costs due to crushed glass. Equipment does not handle glass well and the weight of the glass is another issue.

Ms. Hoppe is very interested in adding waste reduction to event recycling and indicated she had some information that she would pass along to staff.

Commercial Rates

Staff explained that commercial rates have not seen an increase in at least 8 years. We were 57% behind covering our cost of service and with the increase in fuel costs are now 69% behind.

Council suggested a fuel surcharge or fuel adjustment charge.

City Manager pointed out that we're trying to recover our costs over a three year period. Council expressed strong support for cost recovery.

Council requested a one-page fact sheet – what you expect and order of flow for the rate increases and when, etc.

Bag Delivery

Council asked staff to explore the possibility of mailing the vouchers with the utility bills.

Council discussed the pros/cons of phased-in versus doing all at once. Council interest in advancing forward all at once and that a one-page fact sheet be developed that would explain the changes being proposed. Staff recommendation is to begin the education component in September/October/November and roll out in December 2008.

GetAbout Columbia

City Manager explained that the goal of tonight's discussion was to obtain Council consensus on a couple priority projects so we can begin to move forward. The legislative

delegation has expressed a strong interest in getting something moving forward very quickly.

Following Council discussion of various projects, the following projects were listed on the flip chart:

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Existing intersections (5)	\$1.8M
Providence Bikeway South	\$810,000
Rangeline, bus Loop 70 to Big Bear	\$570,000
Providence, Smiley to Blue Ridge	\$600,000
Rockhill Park to Stadium (w/o Bluffdale)	
Broadway, Fairview to Stadium	\$545,000
Old 63 Pedway	\$2.4M
West Boulevard	\$605,000
Stadium to Capen Park – study	?
Bear Creek trail connection, Blue ridge	
To existing trail only	\$280,000
S. Garth, MKT connector	\$860,000 (HOLD)
Hominy Branch Trail	\$1.356M
William/Walnut Street	
Stephens Lake Park	\$126,000
Walnut Street, William to Broadway	?
County House Branch, Phase I	\$774,880
Twin Lakes to Stadium	
Downtown Hub	\$1M
Wabash Station to Rogers	\$262,000
Vandiver to Rogers	\$953,000

Others suggested by Janku (no costs yet)
 Python Court connection to Creasy Springs
 Providence Sidewalk, Wilkes to I-70

The next step is for the GetAbout Columbia group to review and evaluate the above list and report back to the Council.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.