

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2008, 5:00 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Chris Janku, Paul Sturtz, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser (arrived at 5:15 p.m.) and Barbara Hoppe.

Absent: None

The Council met at 5:00 p.m. to conduct interviews of the Planning and Zoning Commission candidates – Craig Forrest, Larry Grossman, Jason Thornhill and Ann Peters. At the formal Council meeting, Council reappointed Ann Peters to serve on the PZC.

Following the interviews, the Council continued their regularly scheduled pre-Council meeting. The City Manager reviewed the following items:

- Due to the construction, parking is limited around the Daniel-Boone Building. Space is available on the ramp for Council parking.
- The Council received a draft of a TIF application. The Council was asked to review the draft application form and forward any additions/subtractions to the City Manager. In addition, the Mayor will be considering names for the TIF Commission.
- The Council was reminded of the May 20th work session beginning at 6:00 p.m. Topics include – continue discussion of budget from mini-retreat and liability insurance.
- The Council received additional background information on Athena. The City Manager indicated that he had directed staff to begin appropriate review/action.
- The City Manager distributed an e-mail from the consultant working to fill the W/L Director position.
- Board and Commission Program of Work – Approximately 20 Boards and Commissions have expressed an interest in meeting with the City Council. Council set aside Saturday, May 31, to meet with the following B/C: W/L Advisory Board, PZC, GetAbout Columbia and E/E Commission. Schedule 30 minutes with each B/C and an additional half-hour unscheduled. City Manager to follow-up with the four B/C and check their availability.
- Police Chief Selection Process – City Manager provided an update on the process. The four commanders have been sent a memo today regarding the process and the appointment of an interim chief which he plans to make mid-June. The City Manager explained that a 10 person advisory committee assisted in the selection of Chief Boehm, and he is considering bumping that number up to 12. He would like to have the committee named next week. The City Manager stated that he would appreciate Council's input on the names of committee members. The City Manager asked the HR Director to put together a list of headhunter firms. He explained which parts of the process would be open and at what point the process would be closed. He anticipated a meet/greet interview with the finalists. There was discussion regarding Council's involvement in the process.