

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 24, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, Fourth Floor Conference Room

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

Absent: None

Citizen's Police Oversight Committee Report

Tom Dresner, Interim Police Chief, provided an overview of the internal affairs process as it currently exists. He reviewed the progress made since implementation of the professional standards unit in February 2008. Mr. Dresner reviewed statistics which provided a snapshot of what the Professional Standards Unit has been doing. The press/Council members were provided a disk containing the statistical information. He pointed out that this information is also posted on the city's web site.

Mr. John White reviewed the police activity from February 1 to present – complaints filed, disposition, etc.

Council members were interested in what the police department has done to let the public know what they've been doing. It was suggested that the information be placed on CAT3. It was also suggested that the phone number for the professional standards unit be placed in the government section of the phone book and that it also be added to the front page of the city's web site. Council asked that they work with the neighborhood specialist in making the brochure available for handout at neighborhood meetings and neighborhood watch meetings.

The City Manager reviewed the handout including the committee's charge and several of the report recommendations. He stated that the goal is to balance transparency/openness with the law and come up with a model Council feels comfortable with; accomplishes what we want to accomplish, but one that does not get the city sued.

The City Manager raised the issue of what does the Council see this board doing.

Council comments included:

- Appeal process for intractable ones
- Concerned about the board becoming overwhelmed; be careful that we don't overload the board; does any complaint rise to the level of this board, ie seriousness of the complaint.

Staff instructed to work with the members of the oversight committee, address the questions raised in the handout and prepare a report/draft ordinance for Council review.

Vision Commission update

Council will interview Coordinating Committee Member applicants at the December 8 work session following the P/R fee (consultant presentation) and DOC lease discussion. No action taken in regard to resource member matrix at this time.

Budget

Lori Fleming reviewed the FY2010 budget and CIP timeline and asked what, if any, changes needed to be made to the timeline.

Council asked that a “key’s to the city event” be added in early March. It was also suggested that fact sheets be developed and distributed to the public. Council thought it would be helpful for the Finance Director to make a presentation “theatre-style” to the public. Mr. Wade suggested that sometime in January the Council review what is Council’s responsibility and do does Council meet those responsibilities.

Ms. Fleming provided a framework for priority setting in the 2010 budget process and ways to organize priorities around the vision objectives.

Mr. Wade indicated that the Council, in conjunction with staff, need to have the following discussion: what must we do; what should we do; and what would be nice to do if we could.

Staff to follow-up budget discussion with Council in a future work session (after January 22). Staff to also provide Council with a list of the issues and what decisions Council will need to make. Staff will provide to Council in December/January the general priorities.

IRP Implementation and Demand Side Management

Kraig Kahler and Tina Worley updated the Council on implementation of the IPR and expansion of the demand side management (see attached presentations). The City Manager indicated that staff will bring back for Council consideration budget amendments. At that time, we hope to have details of the new programs discussed tonight flushed out and available for Council review.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.