

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Daniel-Boone Building

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

Absent: None

The City Manager stated that the goal of tonight's work session was to narrow the gap on the budget amendment sheet. He explained there are really two budget issues (1) bus fares and (2) Paquin Towers program. Once those two issues are resolved, the remaining general fund items should fall into place.

Regarding the Paquin Towers program, Ms. Browning provided a quick summary of proposed funding recommendations through social services contracts which may benefit the Paquin program.

The Council agreed to restore Paquin funding at \$72,000 with full funding for the first 6 months and then partial funding the remaining six months.

Regarding the bus fares, the Council agreed to decrease the general fund subsidy from \$175,000 to \$12,500. Council asked staff to bring back alternatives to modify the Medicaid rate – expand the half price category to Medicaid eligible folks. Staff was also asked to bring back an advertising proposal.

The Council added back in the \$25,800 for police overtime.

Other changes to the funds moved into reallocation included:

- Health \$4,00 and \$10,050 for a total \$14,050
- Economic Development - \$1,000
- Change fire department OT - \$17,500
- Law department – misc contractual - \$1,400
- Council Retreat - \$1,000

Changes to the funds reallocated included:

- Sustainability Director - \$50,000
- Paquin - \$72,000 (full six month funding with limited program the next six months)

The City Manager reviewed other proposed changes, including eliminating \$25,000 for the citizen survey and adding \$50,000 to CVB for airport promotion.

The Council accepted the City Manager's CDBG funding recommendations.

The City Manager summarized the public comments received at the September 2 Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.