

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, 4th Floor Conference Room

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

Absent: None

The City Manager reviewed the following calendar items:

- a. Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m., Council work session, mezzanine conference room. Topic: budget issues.
 - b. Monday, March 16, next regular Council meeting. Pre-Council to begin at 5:45 p.m. First W/L Advisory Board candidate interview at 6:00 p.m. Other topic: Priority CDBG project needs for 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and 2010 Action Plan.
 - c. Monday, March 30, Council Work Session:
 - i. Dinner 5:30 p.m. 4th floor conference room
 - ii. Swear In Ken Burton 6:00 p.m. Chamber
 - iii. Reception, immediately following Mezzanine
 - iv. Council work session/public forum 7:00 p.m. Chamber
 1. Topics: storm water – CH2MHill presentation and Tom Jacobs presentation.
 - d. March 20 - nuclear plant tour. Visitor security clearance forms are due to Carol **by noon on Friday, March 13.**
 - e. Monday, April 20, Special Council Meeting/Regular Meeting:
 - i. Dinner 5:00 p.m. 4TH floor conference room
 - ii. Special Meeting 5:30 p.m. Chamber
 - iii. Reception, immediately following Mezzanine
 - iv. Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Chamber
2. Staff to proceed with planning spring “Keys to the City” Event on May 6 at the ARC.

Fire Cooperative Agreement:

Council was provided a copy of the agreement (B60-09 introduced at the March 2 City Council meeting). The City Manager reviewed a few distinctions in the agreement; such as: title of the agreement – cooperative versus territorial; city will have primary responsibility for everything located within the city limits; compensation is composed of two pieces; joint statistical reporting system; and joint training.

Council complimented everyone that worked on the agreement.

Land Preservation Issues:

Tony St. Romaine made a power point presentation and presented Council with a list of questions including criteria for identifying land preservation, the area to be included, who should be responsible for developing and administering the plan, and how acquisition of properties should be funded, etc.

Council comments included:

- It would be helpful to receive model ordinances from other communities; such as New Jersey (Christine Whitman)
- County's legal authority to participate?
- Identify long-term benefit
- Who would be responsible – short-term, temporary group with representatives from several existing Board and Commissions to begin public education process (why and general purpose); favor model of Power Supply Task Force – representative from EEC, P/R, HPC, PZC, plus 4-5 specialized individuals.
- Need inventory/analysis of what's available
- Can New Century Fund serve as fiscal agent?
- Staff to perform analysis of NRI data (information available in April); compile information – what is undeveloped and under city control and zoning of undeveloped land.
- Perform analysis of Metro Area
- Propose several different ways we can address first set of questions – land preservation policy and public educational forum

City Manager summary:

- Staff to conduct basic analysis work; develop organizational model – Council prefers a Task Force that will expire at some point. Structure shall include technical expertise, as needed, plus representatives from aforementioned B/C.
- Include **Historical Places** to reforestation, flood plain, stream, habitat;
- Place emphasis on **connectivity**.
- Provide examples of how other communities have addressed the issue.

The City Manager outlined a time frame for moving forward – parks capital sales tax will be placed on November 2010 ballot; will suggest a small piece be designated for “acquisition” of key pieces of ground. Intend to have this piece finished in next 9-12 months to begin discussions/education process.

Sidewalks

Tim Teddy provided Council with two handouts that listed sidewalk projects from the master plan. The Council will need to consider whether or not they make the investment of constructing a second sidewalk on the north side of Chapel Hill Road, Limerick to Fairview, or if instead an upgrade be made to the quality of the existing sidewalk on the south side.

Mr. Wade pointed out that the east side of Garth, Stewart to Broadway, is crumbled and falling apart. He feels this area needs to be a high priority and suggested it be coordinated with the Grant School charrette which will take place in April.

Mr. Skala pointed out that sidewalks are also needed in the Ballenger Lane and St. Charles Road areas.

Council suggested staff take a hard look at the recommendations from the schools and ask that they review the list previously submitted. Also, staff should give high priority to the Disabilities Commission recommendations. Finally, staff should give high priority to “connectivity” sidewalks.

Ted Curtis introduced Dr. Kristin Re. Dr. Re reviewed the results of an 18 block sidewalk assessment she performed. Council requested the detail assessment for each block. Max Lewis, Disabilities Commission member, was also present.

Mr. Janku asked about the status of the developer’s responsibility for sidewalks that haven’t been built, particularly on arterial and collector streets. Mr. Glascock indicated that letters are being sent. Mr. Janku suggested that the development agreement also address the “back side of the lot”.

City Manager summary:

- CDBG monies – strong commitment to sidewalk repairs in the core area.
- Sidewalk CIP projects – continue to work with master plan list; review 1-2 that haven’t been evaluated and see how they fit in over the next 5-7 years.
- Look at CDBG – source of funding
- Strategies/policies for cost share – review again
- Geographical distribution
- Refresh CPS list

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.