

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
First Floor Lobby, City Hall Addition
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building
Columbia, Missouri

Council members present: Mayor Darwin Hindman, Paul Sturtz, Jason Thornhill, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser, Barbara Hoppe

Absent: None

Tour of New Addition

Assistant City Manager Tony St. Romaine guided Council members through the first floor of the new City Hall addition, starting at 5:30 p.m. City Channel Coordinator Don Cizek demonstrated audio-visual technology in the Chamber. Council members discussed dais seating.

Council members and staff left the new addition and resumed meeting in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Items

City Manager Bill Watkins mentioned three requests relating to the Council meeting agenda:

- B9-10 – a request to withdraw the rezoning application for property at the corner of Broadway and West Boulevard.
- B10-10 – a request to table the rezoning request for property at the corner of John Garry Drive and East Southampton Drive.
- B11-10 – authorization to purchase the Intermodal Facility Building at Brown Station Road – amend the “not to exceed” cost from \$2,402,000 to \$2,590,000 to account for a change in bank charges.

(Supporting documents: correspondence from those making requests)

Energy Center

Interim Water and Light Director Mike Schmitz reviewed factors associated with the proposed purchase of new electric generation capacity. Options include purchasing additional interest in the Columbia Energy Center or purchasing engines manufactured by Wartsila. The Water and Light Advisory Board unanimously recommended the Council pursue the Columbia Energy Center option. The proposal will be introduced tonight as Council Bill B34-10.

South Substation

Acting Electrical Energy Manager Ryan Williams described factors associated with building a new electric substation and three new, 161 kV transmission lines. A willing seller has offered property at a viable location on Peach Court, and the Water and Light Board unanimously recommended to Council that staff be authorized to negotiate a land sale. The Water and Light Department will work with the public to determine a preferred location for the line and bring it Council for its consideration.

Trail Plan

Councilman Wade asked to table this item to allow time to discuss the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program.

Malcolm Baldrige Quality Program

Councilman Wade suggested that the City of Columbia apply to participate in the Baldrige program to improve and transform local government performance. Larry Potterfield, CEO of Midway Arms, which won a Baldrige Award in 2009, has offered to discuss the program with Council members. Applications are due by February 19, 2010. A work session on this topic is tentatively planned for Saturday, February 13.

The pre-Council meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Toni Messina, Director, Public Communications

New City Hall Addition – Media Resources on First Floor February 1, 2010

The new Council Chamber and adjoining conference rooms are equipped with updated technologies that will allow for future expansion and improvement. State-of-the-art sound and lighting systems designed to complement Council proceedings will provide a very high-quality experience for the in-house audience and for those viewing cable and online broadcasts.

Dais - Council

- Each Council seat has a microphone and a 19-inch monitor that will display meeting "presentation feed:" staff reports, podium presentations and material from DVD's, document imaging cameras and other sources used during the meeting. City Channel staff will set up this equipment, handle problems and see that it is properly shut down and stored after use.
- As in the past, City staff will manage the presentation feed resources during the meeting.
- Council members may continue to use personal laptops to view their own materials. City staff will not provide technical support for personal equipment.
- Any member may connect to a Wi-Fi network for internet access. This will not provide access to files on the City's network.
- Council members may view the meeting broadcast on small monitors placed on the dais.

Dais – Staff

- Other seats at the dais will be equipped to receive the presentation feed and connect to the internet and will have microphones.
- The City Clerk will have audio recording capability.

Podium

- Equipped with multi-media presentations by citizens and other speakers.

Chamber General Seating

- Can hold at least 200 people in different seating configurations.
- Audience will view the "presentation feed" – the same thing that Council members see on their City laptops – displayed on two 60" plasma TV's mounted on the wall behind the dais.
- Audience will see the "broadcast feed" – the same thing that cable and online viewers see on their screens – on four 50" TV's mounted on the ceiling. City Channel staff controls this feed.
- Seven cameras are positioned to give broadcast director more angles – provides maximum coverage and eliminates some of the restrictions in the current Chamber.
- Highly adjustable lighting and audio system.

Atrium/Entry Lobby

- Anyone in the main lobby will see the broadcast feed on two 50" TV's mounted on the walls.

Northeast Conference Room

- Intended for pre-Council dinner and meetings.
- Equipped for audio/visual presentations.

Southeast Conference Room

- Can be used for overflow seating.
- Equipped to receive broadcast feed; will be set up by City Channel staff before each meeting.

Sheela Amin - FW: Swan Lake Re-Zoning Request / Garry Lewis

B10-10

From: "Jennifer Welsh" <corporatelake@gmail.com>
To: <cityclerk@gocolumbiamo.com>, <hlcole@gocolumbiamo.com>
Date: 2/1/2010 4:41 PM
Subject: FW: Swan Lake Re-Zoning Request / Garry Lewis

From: Jennifer Welsh [mailto:corporatelake@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 3:42 PM
To: 'cityclerk@gocolumbia.com'
Subject: Swan Lake Re-Zoning Request / Garry Lewis

Dear Sheela:

We are requesting that Garry's rezoning request before the City Council on tonight's agenda be tabled to another date. Garry is in trial in Louisiana and is unable to attend. We did know this before hand and had arranged for Garry's attorney, Cullen Cline to appear tonight on his behalf. Unfortunately, I just received a call from Mr. Cline and he is under doctor's care and is unable to attend tonight also.

Would it be possible to get this matter tabled to a future date?

Thank you and I apologize for the short notice.

Jennifer L. Welsh
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From the desk of H. A. Walther
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February 1, 2010

Sheela Amin
City Clerk
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Re: Great Hang Ups rezoning request
Case No. 09-85

Dear Ms. Amin:

Please be advised that my clients, Mark Nichols and Patti Mierzwa, respectfully withdraw the above-referenced rezoning application. Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely,



Skip Walther

cc: Mark Nichols (via email mwnichols@centurytel.net)