

## **Columbia City Council Mini-Retreat Minutes**

Wednesday, May 8, 2012 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Conference Rooms 1A/1B  
701 East Broadway

**Council members present:** Mayor McDavid, Fred Schmidt, Karl Skala, Ian Thomas, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

**Absent:** Mike Trapp

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Mayor McDavid called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

City Manager Mike Matthes recapped last night's discussion and indicated tonight would shift gears to talk about the Capital Improvement Plan.

### **Capital Improvement Plan:**

Mr. Matthes commented that this presentation would focus on projects which fall into the 1-2 Year Timeframe (FY 2014 and FY 2015). The Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed the CIP and the Commission supports the placement and prioritization of the varied projects within this year's CIP. The Commission supports the need for a ballot measure to fund enhanced storm water and sanitary sewer construction projects on the 2013 November ballot. The Commission supports the anticipated ballot measure in 2015 to fund additional roadway construction projects. The Commission supports pursuing a multi-modal trail connection to the north side of the City and the approval of the Clark Lane sidewalk project as part of the "round 2" GetAbout Columbia improvements. The Commission requests that a report be prepared relating to the assignment of "timber rights" to contracts for tree removal along forested trails versus the City retaining such rights and associated revenues.

Mr. Blattel provided a project status update on the 2005 Transportation 10 Year Plan. Looking at what we promised to do in 2005 CIP Project and status. The only project not completed is the Scott Blvd. to Vawter School Road to KK. There was not enough funding to complete this. It's in final design construction is set for 2016. Not all of that will be funded from that tax, but the project will be completed using the county road tax rebate.

Mr. Matthes reviewed other capital projects coming in the next one to two years, noting in Streets and Sidewalks that funding is still needed for Waco Road and Brown Station intersection. There are also other sidewalks and other major maintenance items listed that still need funding.

Council person Skala asked about the process for listing projects. Mr. Blattel explained that they review these each year and meet with Department Heads to

see what projects can move up and what needs to move back and also re-prioritize projects based on various issues of funding, timing, Council preference, etc. Council has input throughout the process on where projects are prioritized. Council person Hoppe asked to have highlighted changes in priorities from year to year since it's such a large document. Ms. Hoppe understood that the Stadium and Old 63 intersection has been on the list for some time and shows funding available, the design is done, but now it's moved to 2015 and was uncertain why it was moved. Public Works Director, Mr. Glascock replied that once money is received it takes a while to design and it ended up being redesigned. This is a common timeframe to have a project completed two years after the receipt of money due to the input process, etc. He noted that the project scope and cost has grown significantly since the project started in 2005. Ms. Hoppe inquired on the Ashland Road sidewalk status being in preliminary design and construction in 2015. Mr. Glascock explained that the MoDOT process takes at least 9 months. It's a long process to go through State processes.

Laura Peveler noted that all Parks and Recreation projects coming in the next one to two years are all funded. Get ABout Projects are not done through Parks and Rec and since many projects overlap with Public Works projects, they go through Public Works with the assistance of Parks and Rec. GetABout projects are not listed in the CIP yet, since they need approval prior to being included. The Grindstone Trail was funded in 2011 so it is not on this list as it's been funded and already being worked on.

Mr. Matthes noted that there is no funding for one to two year Public Safety projects, but there is a place marker for a second police facility on the north side and/or a rebuild of the current facility and a future building on the south. Staff felt the south building could wait, but recommends a north building and hoped to begin conversations on options for that. Once funds are identified, it will take a few years to build it. Police Chief Burton added that the consultant offered several options for this including a remodel to downtown, options will be brought to Council in the future. Ms. Nauser felt this was a good opportunity to help plan for population growth. Knowing the south side is developing, it could be beneficial to build out there now while it's cheaper to get land, etc. Mr. Matthes noted that Fire facilities need to be ADA compliant and a pumper needs replacing. The pump is funded but takes time to build.

Water and Light Director Tad Johnsen commented that Project #11 was a major Electric Fund project coming in the next one to two years. This would connect to the transmission line project, the other load serving connector project is on the 3 year project list. Those two items would need to be part of bond issue. Funded projects are from utility tax retained earnings that have built up. Undergrounding projects may get delayed since they are tied to road projects; such as

the Broadway under-grounding. Ms. Hoppe asked where the interest from projects that sit and don't get worked on go. Mr. Blattel explained that it depends where the source was that it came from originally. Restricted cash has restricted interest. Accounting tracks it, but it stays in the fund.

Mr. Blattel noted 1-2 Year Capital Water Fund Projects and indicated that these were the last of the projects funded from FY09 ballot issue. All are funded. Ms. Hoppe asked if we would be getting any reimbursement for the Stadium Transportation Development District. Mr. Blattel replied that we would not be reimbursed for water, only streets.

He continued to explain that there were very few capital projects for the 1-2 year time frame for the Railroad Fund and most items on the list were for maintenance items. Ms. Hoppe felt that it would be helpful to have the list more easily show what is identified as new compared to items that are maintenance or improvements.

Mr. Blattel noted there are a number of unfunded projects in the 1-2 year range for the Sewer Fund. We will be looking for a ballot issue to fund these projects. This will need to happen in November 2013. The original bond issue of \$77Million is low. Ms. Hoppe asked if Item #7, the Ridgeway Cottages, was going forward. Mr. Glascock replied that he hasn't heard anything on it. Council directed staff to do that after the developer got funding, which they have not, so the project is still on hold. We can terminate agreement if non-movement.

Mr. Matthes noted that all projects on the 1-2 year Storm Water Fund Capital Projects list are unfunded and is also the largest unmet infrastructure need. He is not sure where to find money to do these projects. As projects come in under budget, we can move money into these, but there's not much there to do projects. This is another ballot issue for FY14 (will need to be on November 2013 ballot). Central City infrastructure is in priority need. Mayor McDavid wants to stress examples to the public when this comes up to show real needs of these flood issues and to show what the money is used for. Mr. Matthes replied that council needs to consider funding methods such as; property tax, fee approach, sales tax, etc. Mr. Skala suggested a hybrid of approaches may be considered.

Ms. Peveler noted that there are very few projects for both the Solid Waste and Parking Fund and none are unfunded.

Mr. Matthes explained that there would need to be a land acquisition to prepare for roads and a new terminal and runways in the Airport Fund Projects. Mayor McDavid added that the runway now is not fit for landing all types or sizes of planes and already impacted ability to offer or expand service. Mr. Matthes continued that the terminal has many needs and it's more effective to locate up

north and build new, rather than add on to the existing terminal. A consultant will be coming May 20th to present concepts and there is no funding source for this project. Lodging tax has been a debated idea for this, but there is still time to continue looking at options.

Mr. Thomas asked what would be involved in the Route H reconstruction since it seems costly for a small road. Mr. Glascock replied that the road has to be moved for safety purposes and the design, land purchase of 53 acres. The FAA has committed to fund a portion.

Ms. Hoppe asked if Carter Lane is on the preferred sidewalk list. She noted that she requested it, didn't see it on the list and would like it to be.

The complete draft CIP document can be viewed at the following link:

[http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Finance/Services/Financial\\_Reports/documents/DraftCIPDocument3-22-13.pdf](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Finance/Services/Financial_Reports/documents/DraftCIPDocument3-22-13.pdf)

The full presentation can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/bcmanager/downloadfile.php?id=9139>

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.