

Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2005, 6:00 p.m.
Daniel Boone Building, Council Chambers

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Laura Nauser, Jim Loveless, Almeta Crayton and Brian Ash.

Staff present: Ray Beck, City Manager
Carol Rhodes, Assistant to the City Manager
Lori Fleming, Finance Director
Bill Watkins, Assistant City Manager

Press: Chuck Adamson, Columbia Daily Tribune (arrived 6:10 p.m.)

Transportation Finance Committee Report

Dale Whitman, Transportation Finance Committee Member, made a power point presentation on behalf of the Committee. Other Committee members were present: Ben Londeree, Clyde Wilson, Karl Kruse, Rhonda Carlson, Don Stamper and Chuck Lamb.

A copy of Mr. Whitman's power point presentation is on file in the City Manager's Office. The Council also received two additional handouts - a Minority Report for Transportation from Ben Londeree and Houston Clyde Wilson and Recommendations to City Council (Transportation Finance Advisory Committee) April 19, 2005. These handouts are also on file in the City Manager's Office.

Following Mr. Whitman's presentation, there was time for Council questions and discussion. Council discussed the following issues: clarification on exactions and changes, if implemented; clarification on the amount of revenue generated from commercial construction (excise tax); sales tax - 30% paid by non-Columbia residents; pros/cons of redevelopment; pros/cons of one package versus individual.

City Manager indicated that he has additional information on the fire needs and asked Council if staff should begin putting together scenarios. Council discussed ballot issue timing, language, etc.

Council would like to hear staff's reaction to the minority report and would like to have the minority report presented to them at some future time.

City Manager pointed out that this is a totally different concept than what has been followed the last 45 years and he described that concept. Council discussed the pros/cons of concept being used and the difference in philosophy being recommended. Some Council members still had questions/concerns regarding exactions. Council discussed designating development priorities around the city and noted we have not done that.

Public Buildings Update

City Manager provided Council with an update on the Howard/Gentry Buildings. He reviewed latest information received from architect. Bids are due July 14 and construction should be substantially completed on the Howard Building December 30, 2005.

City Manager reviewed rental space needs/update, including Lifestyle versus Bank of America building.

Council asked that we display the conceptual design work in the lobby and post on the web.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.