

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2009 – 5:45 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Jason Thornhill, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: Mayor Hindman, Paul Sturtz, and Karl Skala

The City Manager made the following announcements and reviewed the following calendar items:

Brown School Road Ribbon Cutting; Thursday, July 16, 2009; Time: 8:30 am; Location: TBD. This is a \$1M ballot issue/road improvement project that opened last week.

Monday, July 20, Council meeting. **Meet at 5:15 p.m.** – PZC candidate interviews, Police Civilian Review Board, and Council photo.

City Clerk will e-mail matrix to Council members who will rate top 5 candidates and return to Sheela no later than Monday at 5pm. Will interview 4-6 candidates; 10 minutes each.

Wednesday, July 22, Council work session. Topics include Humane Society Agreement (presentation from the Humane Society representatives), I (Infiltration) AND I (Inflow) and Stadium Widening Project (I-70 to Broadway).

Monday, August 3, Council meeting (Mayor will be absent). Pre-council topic – Ed Sigmund has requested time to discuss the Mid-MO RPC and its dues. The City Manager reminded Council the city did not budget dues in FY09 budget and were not included in the FY10 budget either.

Budget work sessions – August 24, August 26 and August 27. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Work sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. We need to discuss format.

Save the date: Saturday, August 29 – Commemorative Poster Party, Office of Cultural Affairs – Council will be invited to attend as guests. Mayor and Axie Hindman will serve as honorary chairs. Invites are forthcoming.

Thumper representatives were present to discuss the proposed ticketing policies and procedures for this year's RBBBQ festival (see report on Council agenda). Thumper will provide daily ticket sales to city (include in operations agreement) and will have paid security, at least 2, at each entry point. Regular cash pick-ups will be made to minimize the amount of cash on hand. Council requested additional information pertaining to the marketing efforts being made. Betsy Farris is handling the marketing programs for the festival and will forward that information to Council. Council interested in a bigger push on recycling efforts. Festival organizer is still working on options for city sponsorship opportunities, including a certain number of free tickets (500). They are also exploring options for offering volunteers free tickets for their service. Festival organizers also presented the city with a \$38,000 check for last year's services.

Tony St. Romaine provided an update on the red light camera project – cameras will be up and running by the week of July 6; fine is set at \$120.