

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Monday, March 30, 2009, 5:45 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, 4th floor conference room/Council Chamber

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

Absent: None

The City Manager provided an update regarding land acquisition for the State Historical Society. He explained that due to the astronomical cost of the Radar property and the house other alternatives were reviewed. He described an alternate proposal in which the University has offered a square block between Sixth and Seventh Streets, bounded by Elm Street on the south and Locust Street on the north. He explained what the city would be contributing to the project. The city could support the proposal by making city property available to the university (adjacent area located on the east side of Fifth Street between Locust and Cherry Streets). The site currently serves as a parking lot and would be available to employees displaced from parking around the Heinkel Building. This would require Council approval of legislation to convey the property.

Council expressed general support for the proposal. Staff will move forward in bringing back the appropriate legislation for Council approval.

The Council discussed how to proceed with the advertised public hearing at the April 2 Council meeting.

The Council adjourned from its pre-Council work session to attend the public swearing in/reception of Columbia Police Chief Kenneth M. Burton.

The Council convened in the Council Chambers for the 7:00 p.m. work session – storm water and land disturbance issues. The work session featured a presentation by CH2MHill, a consultant retained by the city; and, a presentation by Tom Jacobs, PE, director of environmental programs with MARK (Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, MO); and a brief period for public comment. (Both power point presentations are attached)

Council will continue discussion of channel protection detention and changes to the storm water manual at the April 6 pre-Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.