

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, 701 East Broadway

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

Absent: None

The Council met in the mezzanine conference room prior to being led on a tour of the new city hall addition. Tony St. Romaine introduced the Council members to the lead architect from Chiodini Associates and the project management team from the general contractor - K&S Associates.

Following the tour, the Council met in the Council Chambers for a work session. Topics included: Columbia Energy Center and new electric substation in S Columbia.

Electric Substation in South Columbia

Mike Schmitz, interim W/L Director, provided Council with a summary/recap of how we got to where we are. He indicated that the goal and focus of tonight's discussion is to establish the substation location. Once the location has been determined, the line routes will then be finalized.

The consultant reviewed the substation site criteria and the criteria matrix for the transmission line (chart in handout) route selection matrix. The grid of potential line routes was also reviewed.

After careful review, lot 6 was determined to be the preferred site (1.77 acres on Peach Tree Court). Mr. Schmitz stated that the seller and the city are really close on price and the price is within the project budget.

The Council is interested in receiving pictures of what the transmission lines will look like and how they will fit in with the street. They are interested in seeing photographs of what the transmission lines will look like immediately following construction and photographs of what the transmission lines will look like 10 years following construction.

The City Manager indicated that staff would come back to Council with alternative packages, including visuals of what the project will look like.

Columbia Energy Center

Mike Schmitz provided an overview of the IRP and its recommendation to purchase one 36 MW unit from the Columbia Energy Center versus two 8.4 MW Wartsilla Engines. The

Council discussed the pros/cons of each of the alternatives. Dick Parker made a presentation arguing the purchase of the Wartsilla Engines was the preferred option.

Automatic License Plate Readers

Council discussed several issues including, how long the data is retained and what the data is used for, both of which are policy decisions. Staff has identified grant funding available for the purchase of the ALP and Boone County Sheriff's Department is proceeding with the purchase.

Council asked staff to come back with some proposed regulations, including a retention policy, and an explanation/justification of the regulations being proposed. Staff may also consider providing examples of regulations that have been used in other cities and their effectiveness.

Work session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Immediately following the work session, Council adjourned to a Closed Meeting. Closed meeting minutes are on file in the City Clerk's office.