

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2010
Conference Rooms 1A and B – City Hall
Columbia, Missouri

Council members present: Mayor Bob McDavid, Paul Sturtz, Jason Thornhill, Gary Kespohl, Daryl Dudley, Laura Nauser, Barbara Hoppe

Absent: None

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

City Charter Amendment – Council and Mayor Compensation

Bob Roper and Kee Groshong asked Council members to consider allowing a public vote on the question of financial compensation. As proposed by a local committee, whom Roper and Groshong represented, each Council person elected in a ward would receive \$6,000 annually, and the Mayor, elected at-large, would receive \$9,000 each year. Because of state constitutional provisions that keep incumbent office-holders from raising their own compensation during their current terms, the amendment, if passed, would not take effect until April 2014. Mayor McDavid suggested that, during the “comments” portion of the Council agenda, Council could ask for an ordinance putting the proposal on the ballot.

Supporting document: Committee memo and proposed ballot language

Responsive Government Initiative – Office of Cultural Affairs

Marie Hunter, OCA Manager, provided an overview of the Office’s priorities, functions and future challenges and thanked City Manager Bill Watkins and Council members for their support for the arts.

Supporting document: “Office of Cultural Affairs”

Comprehensive Planning Task Force – Update

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair David Brodsky and Comprehensive Planning Task Force Chair Rex Campbell reviewed progress and future plans. The task force started meeting in January 2010 and must produce its report by the end of 2011. Experts from the University of Missouri will set up public outreach opportunities designed to gather input from citizens and assure that the final document is a “people’s plan.” Brodsky and Campbell invited City Council participation in these public sessions.

Supporting documents: PowerPoint – “Columbia Comprehensive Plan – City Council Work Session – December 6, 2010;” “Topical or Functional Areas by Ordinance”

Council Agenda Items

City Manager Bill Watkins said that he would ask Council members to add several items to the agenda:

- Lease agreement for photovoltaic energy;
- Report on IBM stormwater waiver;
- Soil stockpile amendment; and
- Report on Energy Center options.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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