

Columbia City Council Closed Meeting and Work Session Minutes
Monday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m.
City Hall –Conference Room 1A
701 East Broadway

Council Members present: Mayor McDavid, Paul Sturtz, Jason Thornhill, Gary Kespohl, Daryl Dudley, and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: Laura Nauser

The Council held a closed meeting on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO, to discuss a personnel matter and legal causes of action or litigation as authorized by Sections 610.021(3), (13) and (1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo). Minutes of the closed meeting are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Following the closed meeting, Council held a work session beginning at approximately 6:50 p.m.

- Finalize Parks Sales Tax Ballot Issue

Mike Hood, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed one more time the proposal for a 1/8 cent park sales tax renewal – totaling \$12M. Council members Hoppe and Sturtz reiterated their concerns with the proposal.

- Budget Review Process and potential work session dates

City Manager reviewed the budget process and requested Council guidance on the format for the budget work sessions. Budget work session dates were set – Saturday, August 28; and Monday, August 30. The City Manager reviewed the timeline for Council adoption of the budget.

- Land Preservation/Acquisition Criteria

Mike Hood, Parks and Recreation Director; and Tony St. Romaine, Assistant City Manager; made a joint presentation regarding land preservation (see attached power point). The presentation included a list of possible land preservation criteria. At Ms. Hoppe's request, land adjacent to existing parking will be added to the criteria. Staff recommended the report be forwarded to the Parks/Recreation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Environment and Energy Commission for their review and recommendation to Council no later than September 30, 2010.

- Other items the Council may wish to discuss

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Land Preservation

Proposed 2010 Park Sales Tax

Council Work Session
Columbia, Missouri
July 26, 2010

Land Preservation Issue Areas

- ❑ Development of land preservation plan
- ❑ Implementation of the Community Visioning and Action Plan goals and strategies
- ❑ Integration of recommendations from existing City plans
- ❑ Geographic extent of preservation activities
- ❑ Regulatory strategy for effective implementation
- ❑ Identify funding sources for preservation activities

Community Visioning and Action Plan Goal – Land Preservation

Land will be preserved throughout Columbia and Boone County to protect farmland, scenic views, natural topographies, rural atmosphere, watershed, healthy streams, natural areas, native species, and unique environmentally sensitive areas.

Land Preservation

What is the public purpose served by land preservation funding from parks sales tax?:

- Retain undeveloped property for future use
- Habitat for threatened species
- Tree canopy for stormwater
- Restoration
- Public access and use
- Historic Preservation
- Scenic Views

Land Preservation Issues

Who should be responsible for developing and administering a Land Preservation Plan?

- **An existing city commission with Council approving land acquisitions**
- **A new joint City-County commission with Council approving land acquisitions**
- **A new City-County authority with the power to raise revenue and acquire land independently**

Land Preservation Issues

How and when should the criteria be established for identifying land to be preserved proposed by parks sales tax?

- Developed by staff and approved by Council
- Developed by an existing commission and approved by Council
- Developed by a new Land Preservation Commission and approved by Council
- Combination

Land Preservation Issues

How far outside the City should be considered for land preservation using proposed parks sales tax?

- Limited to properties within or contiguous to the City
- Areas outside the City that are likely to be annexed
- The Metropolitan Planning Area
- Boone County

Land Preservation Issues

Would land preservation funds include the acquisition of degraded land for the purpose of restoration?

- Reforestation
- Flood plain restoration
- Stream restoration
- Habitat restoration

Community Visioning and Action Plan Land Preservation – Strategy

One

Establish a city-county land preservation authority to:

- ❑ Develop and administer a land preservation plan developed with public input.
- ❑ Strengthen, enforce and create laws and regulations to preserve land consistent with this plan.
- ❑ Acquire property or development rights to land deemed appropriate for preservation. Such land to be acquired by donations or purchase from willing sellers at fair market value, and not through condemnation

Community Visioning and Action Plan Land Preservation – Strategy

Two

Evaluate potential land preservation areas in
Columbia and Boone County based on:

- ❑ Agricultural use or potential
- ❑ Ecological, geological, and hydrological significance
- ❑ Scenic beauty
- ❑ Historical significance
- ❑ Protection of native wildlife, both plant and animal

Community Visioning and Action Plan Land Preservation – Strategy

Three

Develop funding mechanisms to finance land preservation such as:

- ❑ Sales tax**
 - ❑ Donations**
 - ❑ Grants**
 - ❑ Property tax incentives**
 - ❑ Other**
- * Funding sources could/should target different components and come with differing requirements. E.G. Should City parks sales tax revs be used outside city limits or metro area?**

Current City Plans & Regulations Related to Land Preservation

- ❑ **Community Visioning and Action Plan**
- ❑ **Metro 2020: Open Space/Greenbelt District**
- ❑ **Greenbelt Plan**
- ❑ **Land Preservation Ordinance – Chapter 12A**
- ❑ **Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 29**

Possible Land Preservation Criteria

Develop a weighted method of “scoring”
property based specific criteria such as:

- ❑ Unique Natural Features
- ❑ Areas of Impact
- ❑ Likelihood of Development or Change of Use (e.g. forest to agricultural)
- ❑ Acquisition Potential
- ❑ Potential Benefits

Possible Land Preservation Criteria

Unique Features

- Topography
- Flora/Fauna
- Ecological, geological, hydrological features
- Native wildlife protection – animal/plant
- Vistas/viewsheds

Possible Land Preservation Criteria

□ Areas of Impact

- Within City limits
- Within the metro planning area
- Within Boone County

□ Likelihood of Development

- Location
- Surrounding development
- Zoning
- Known development plans
- Development potential/Ease of development

Possible Land Preservation Criteria

□ Acquisition Potential

- Willing seller
- Price
- Donation
- Deed restrictions
- Partnerships

□ Potential Benefits

- Stormwater management
- Trails or greenbelt
- Neighborhood or community park
- Natural area buffer
- Multiple Users

LAND PRESERVATION SCORING MATRIX - DRAFT

EVALUATION COMPONENT			Allowable Points	Extension Points
A	AREA OF IMPACT (only one)			
	1	In City limits or annexation petition filed with City	TBD	
	2	Pre-annexation agreement filed with City	TBD	
	3	Within the Metro Planning Area	TBD	
	4	Unlikely to become contiguous within 5 years	TBD	
B	LIKELIHOOD OF DEVELOPMENT (all that apply)			
	1	Likely to be developed within 5 years	TBD	
	2	Ease of development	TBD	
C	ACQUISITION POTENTIAL (all that apply)			
	1	Price	TBD	
	2	Willing seller	TBD	
	3	Donation	TBD	
	4	Public/Private Partnership	TBD	
	5	Deed Restrictions	TBD	

D	POTENTIAL BENEFITS (all that apply)			
	1	Stormwater management	TBD	
	2	Trails or greenbelt	TBD	
	3	Natural area buffer	TBD	
	4	Neighborhood/Community Park	TBD	
	5	Multiple Uses	TBD	
E	UNIQUE FEATURES (all that apply)			
	1	Ecological, geological, hydrological	TBD	
	2	Topography	TBD	
	3	Scenic Views	TBD	
	4	Flora and fauna	TBD	
		TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	TBD	