

Columbia City Council  
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes –August 3, 2009 – 5:45 p.m.  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

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

Absent: Mayor Hindman

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Council member Wade distributed for Council consideration a proposal for cyclists and motorists: creating a dialogue around transportation. (see Council meeting minutes for Council action)

The City Manager introduced Mike Brooks, REDI Director. Mr. Brooks provided a brief introduction of himself.

Ed Siegmund, Executive Director, Mid-Mo Regional Planning Commission, was present. He asked for Council's continued support of the MMRPC. The Council was provided an information packet outlining the value/benefits of being a member of the organization.

It was pointed out that the membership dues were eliminated in the current year's budget. The dues for Columbia are approximately \$30,000.

The City Manager indicated staff has prepared a motion for a closed meeting on August 24, 6pm, prior to the budget work session.

The City Manager reminded Council that the August 17 Council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:30 p.m.) to accommodate the Commission's funding recommendations.

The City Manager reviewed the financial proposal for this year's RBBQ festival. He indicated that the city received payment in the amount of \$38,000 for last year's services and this year we anticipate out of pocket costs, excluding trash, to be approximately \$20,000. Thumper has agreed to pay for the cost of trash service. The proposal includes a sponsorship package wherein the city would receive \$1/ticket sold and would also receive 200 complimentary tickets.

Richard King, Steve Sweitzer, Betsy Farris and Nicole Theiret were present. Ms. Farris made a power point presentation outlining the festival's economic impact and the sponsorship package being offered to the city.

The City Manager asked for Council feedback on the format for the budget work sessions. Council is interested in receiving a briefing paper versus power point presentations that outline the budget impact and changes. They requested that the material be provided to them as far in advance as possible.