

Council Work Session Minutes  
Monday, January 8, 2007  
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building, 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Almeta Crayton, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Guests: Sasaki Consultants – Fred Merrill, Steve Wilson and Perry Chapman; Doug Lange, Stephens College; and Gary Ward, University

City Manager Bill Watkins and other staff members were present.

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### **Stephens/University/City downtown study**

City Manager Bill Watkins stated that we've been working on this project for 6-7 months. He expressed his appreciation to the partners in this study, University and Stephens, and recognized Doug Lange and Gary Ward who are present this evening.

The City Manager turned it over to Fred Merrill to present the campus/city opportunity study. He indicated this is a preview of the fourth of four presentations that will be held tomorrow night.

Fred Merrill and Steve Wilson presented the campus/city opportunity study which is available on the city's web site at [www.gocolumbiamo.com](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com)

Mr. Watkins indicated that we will be bringing this matter back to Council and asking Council to accept and provide additional feedback on the study.

### **Sidewalks**

Mr. Glascock stated that Ted Curtis, Bike/Pedestrian Program Manager, will be presenting pedestrian projects and sidewalks.

Mr. Curtis' presentation included a project overview, project status, PR/public involvement, infrastructure plan (Portland model) and an infrastructure toolkit. Mr. Curtis reviewed the Pednet Phase 1 Plan 2007/2008 (map) including the project priority list.

The Council made suggestions and requested additional areas to be reviewed; such as:

Stadium, Providence to College – north side

Broadway (Fairview to Stadium) – currently listed as Priority 2; can this be moved up?

Oakland Gravel Road – Smiley to Vandiver – can this be moved up?

County House Branch – can it be built simultaneous with sewer?

Mr. Curtis reviewed the budget and how it was set up – see page 19 (Infrastructure Phase 1 Plan A portion of the Columbia PedNet Project Master Plan Draft 1/5/07 – on file in the City Manager's Office).

Council input on which areas in their ward should be a priority may be forwarded to Mr. Curtis via e-mail.

Mr. Watkins indicated that we will be using this plan as our framework/guideline.

Mr. Loveless suggested staff review along Rock Quarry Road – Nifong – clustered student housing and contacting landowners on the west side.

Mayor suggested a review of Stadium at mall area and new TDD's and going across I-70.

### **Stormwater**

Mr. Glascock provided an update on the stormwater ordinance which needs Council approval by April. He indicated that the hold up with the Task Force is "costs" which range anywhere from \$1,800 to \$4,000. The Task Force has a meeting scheduled Wednesday night. There will be a recommendation that staff hold monthly meetings with the consultants. Mr. Glascock reviewed some of the remaining issues - stormwater utility.

Mr. Watkins indicated that we will bring back the consultant to make a presentation to Council at a February meeting followed by introduction of an ordinance in March. Council asked that comments/concerns raised at the retreat be reviewed and taken into consideration.

Work Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Immediately following the work session, the City Council met in closed session in the fourth floor conference room of the Daniel Boone Building to discuss personnel matters as authorized by Section 610.021(3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.