

COUNCIL COMMITTEE
September 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

AGENDA

DALE BECKERMAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- *COU2011-47 Consider approval of a resolution authorizing certain main trafficway improvements and providing for the manner of paying for the same
Lisa Santa Maria

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 19, 2011**

The Council Committee of the Whole met on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Dale Beckerman with the following members present: Al Herrera, Dale Warman, Ruth Hopkins, Steve Noll, Michael Kelly, Andrew Wang, Laura Wassmer, Charles Clark, David Morrison, David Belz and Mayor Shaffer. Staff Members present: Wes Jordan, Chief of Police; Keith Bredehoeft, Project Manager for Public Works; Katie Logan, City Attorney; Chris Engel, Assistant to the City Administrator; Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director and Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk.

***COU2011-47 Consider approval of a resolution authorizing certain main trafficway improvements and providing for the manner of paying for the same**

Lisa Santa Maria stated that staff continues to work with bond counsel and the City's Financial Advisor on the upcoming issuance of bonds. Resolution 2011-15 authorizes the streets to be improved and the funding of such improvements by bonds. The streets listed in the resolution were designated as main trafficways and connectors in Ordinance 2205 adopted on September 8, 2009 and Ordinance No. 2242 adopted by the Council on September 6, 2011.

Ms Santa Maria noted that should the City receive better bids than expected, the Council can adopt another resolution adding streets to the list of projects to be funded with bond proceeds. Any bond issue-related costs incurred by the City's consultants are reimbursed by the bond proceeds.

Charles Clark made the following motion, which was seconded by Al Herrera and passed 10 to 1 with David Morrison voting in opposition:

**MOVE THE GOVERNING BODY ADOPT RESOLUTION 2011-15
AUTHORIZING CERTAIN MAIN TRAFFICWAY IMPROVEMENTS,
AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYING FOR THE SAME.
COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN
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STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety

- Chief Jordan reported the upcoming events - Prairie Elementary 5K on 9/24; Shawnee Mission East will have a bon fire with fireworks on 9/23. He noted the fireworks will be restricted as to the sound and height of the display. Both PD and Fire District staff will be present at the event.
- A suspect has been arrested for the two recent residential burglaries on 71st Street.

- The tire thefts occurring in Mission Hills will be coming to an end. The investigative staff has put in several hours investigating the resale of the stolen merchandise on e-bay.

Public Works

- Keith Bredehoeft reported on new traffic sign regulations from the US Department of Transportation.
- A pre-construction meeting was held with Johnson County Wastewater on their upcoming project in Prairie Village in the area of Roe & Delmar.
- The City did not receive any bids for the Public Safety Roof Project. Keith discussed with one of the potential bidders and right now roofing companies are very busy due to the hail storms in the area this past summer.
- There will be a public meeting next Thursday on the 75th Street Project - State Line to Mission Road.

Laura Wassmer asked if door hangers would be distributed prior to work beginning. Mr. Bredehoeft responded the City has mailed all property owners within the area. Ms Wassmer felt it would be beneficial to have another communication going out advising that the work being done is not related to any land use change. Mr. Bredehoeft said he would check on the door hangers and felt he would have a better idea after Thursday's meeting.

Administration

- Lisa Santa Maria reported City staff had a telephone conference meeting last week with Moody's regarding the city's bond rating. Staff felt the meeting went well. The City will receive notification the end of this week.
- Chris Engel reported the Environmental Community Forum will be held on October 5th.
- The Sister City Committee will be hosting a reception for the Shawnee Mission East foreign exchange students on November 7th.

Update on RED Development Meeting

Dale Beckerman reported that he, Mayor Shaffer, Quinn Bennion and Dennis Enslinger met with representatives of RED last week regarding the status of the funding agreement for the development of a comprehensive plan amendment. RED closed on their purchase of the Mission Valley School site on September 12th.

Dan Lowe indicated at the meeting that RED was concerned that their hiring and paying a consultant to conduct the study would be perceived as conflict of interest. The issue was discussed and Mr. Lowe was going to bring it back to RED. Mr. Beckerman stated that he received an e-mail today from Mr. Lowe restating that RED does not want to hire the consultant for the study. With that information staff will continue to work on the creation of an RFP for consultant services as directed by the Council several months ago.

Ruth Hopkins asked why the change noting that earlier RED was requiring that they be able to select the consultant and coordinate the information gathering process. Mr. Beckerman state he does not know what prompted the change. Mayor Shaffer added

that initially they wanted to proceed as quickly as possible; however, they have indicated now that they are not in a great rush to begin development. Mr. Beckerman stated he still felt RED wants to collaborate with the City on the process.

Andrew Wang questioned RED's earlier opposition to the proposed moratorium on zoning changes

Dale Warman noted the residents were aware of the proposed process and meetings were scheduled. This change in process will raise questions as to what is going on. Mr. Beckerman responded that RED now views their hiring of a consultant for the possible amendment to the City's comprehensive Plan for an area including property they now own as presenting a conflict of interest based on an e-mail sent to city staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council Committee of the Whole, Council President Dale Beckerman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Dale Beckerman
Council President