

**SPECIAL ROLLA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
TEN-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET  
6:00 P.M.**

**Presiding:** Mayor William S. Jenks, III

**Council Members in Attendance:** Monty Jordan, Susan Eudaly, Gary W. Hicks, Judy Jepsen, Lou Magdits, Jim Williams, Richard Morris, and Richard Sibley

**Council Members Absent:** Terry Ruck, Stan Spadoni, Donald Barklage, and Mark Walburg

**Department Directors in Attendance:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Community Development Director John Petersen, Fire Chief Robert Williams, Police Chief Mark Kearse, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Recreation Center Director Scott Caron, Parks and Recreation Director Ken Kwantes

**Other City Officials in Attendance:** City Administrator John Butz, Communications Coordinator Scott Grahl, MIS Coordinator Brian Kinsey, and City Clerk Carol Daniels

**Others in Attendance:** Meramec Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Richard Cavender and Rolla Regional Economic Commission Executive Director Elizabeth Bax

Mayor William S. Jenks, III, called the workshop to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. and introduced Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) Executive Director Richard Cavender who facilitated the workshop. Mayor Jenks announced that no public comments would be received at this meeting. He added the Council would be adjourning into Executive Session following the workshop to discuss real estate acquisition.

Within the next several months, Mr. Butz suggested that he and the Council become actively involved in meetings with the public, such as ward meetings and open houses in order to obtain input from the citizens regarding the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Butz then turned the floor over to Mr. Cavender.

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Mr. Cavender told the Council that they have some big decisions to make and he would like them to give some thought on what they would like to see Rolla like within the next five to ten years. The Council then listed the following areas/projects they would like to see accomplished:

- Improve image of success
- Improve visual image
- Better property maintenance code enforcement
- Solidify regional hub
- Unsnarl traffic congestion
- Highway 72 Extension
- Rolla West
- Student-oriented business
- More blue collar employment (non-retail)
- Center of technology/research
- Attract large contractor
- Sustainable economy
- UMR Research Park
- Ongoing Comprehensive Planning
- Recruit Senior Citizens
- Construct Senior Center
- Healthy/Active Community, i.e., trails, The CENTRE, parks
- More community partnerships
- Encourage in-fill development
- Strong arts district
- More/better childcare
- Develop diverse housing stock
- Vibrant downtown
- Improved public safety
- Neighborhood substations (police, fire)
- Regional EOC/response
- Downtown RR underpass
- Pine Street two-way
- Business friendly attitude

Mr. Cavender then instructed each Council member to rank the three most important projects.

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City Administrator John Butz then reviewed the current funding sources and alternative viable funding options outlined on Page 2 of the Preliminary 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Some Council members requested the connection of the walking/bike path from the trailhead at Highway O south to Lions Club Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the unfunded projects.

Mr. Cavender then asked each Councilmember to rank the 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan Summary Project listing provided in the agenda materials. He emphasized the ranking should be done in terms of importance.

Mr. Cavender then left the room to compile, according to priority ranking, the Council's visioning process.

City Administrator John Butz referred the Council to the Fire Department's 2007 Capital Improvement Plan dated October 2007, which was distributed to the Council on Friday.

Mr. Butz said that one question the Council needs to ask the public is what projects they would be willing to support. Similarly, the Council needs to determine what projects they would like to see funded.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Eudaly to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 to discuss real estate. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Sibley, Jordan, Morris, Williams, Magdits, Eudaly, Hicks, and Jepsen. Nays; None. Absent; Spadoni, Ruck, Walburg, and Barklage. Motion carried.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 8:02 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION**

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Jenks announced that during Executive Session the Council discussed a real estate issue pertaining to the Highway 72 extension.

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**OPEN SESSION CONTINUED**

Mr. Cavender reported on the Council's prioritized listing of proposed projects the Council would like Rolla to look like in ten years as follows:

**PRIORITY  
RANKING**

- 10 An employment hub with more skilled, semi-skilled blue-collar jobs
- 9 A solid regional hub/center of regional activity
- 7 An "image" of success (pride)
- 7 A healthy, active community (trails, Centre, parks)
- 5 Center of technology/research
- 5 Sustainable economy (diverse)
- 3 Highway 72 Extension completed
- 3 UMR Research Park underway
- 2 Community services/neighborhood-based services (police, fire, City)
- 1 Rolla West underway
- 1 Vibrant downtown
- Improved visual image
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Strong arts district
- More options & better childcare
- A diverse housing stock
- Improved public safety
- Better EOC/response time
- Downtown RR underpass
- Student-friendly businesses
- Large contractor
- 2-way traffic on Pine Street
- Ongoing Comprehensive Planning
- Marketing strategy for senior citizens
- New senior center
- More community partnerships
- Encourage in-fill development
- Business-friendly attitude
- Better property maintenance code enforcement

The final item discussed by the Council was the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore options with the park sales tax, which expires on December 31, 2013.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, Executive Session adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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MAYOR

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