

Mayor Nanette K. Johnston opened the work session at 5:38 p.m. on September 16, 2014. In attendance were Aldermen Greg Plumb, Kendall Welch, Jim Werner, Diane Driver, David Jones and Marc Sportsman. Kari Lamer and David Rittman were absent with prior notice.

The following staff was also present:  
Sean Ackerson, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director  
Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief  
Tiffany Terry, Acting City Clerk

**1. GENERAL AGENDA**

**A. Downtown entryway improvement design review**

Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director Sean Ackerson yielded the floor to John Zimmerman of TranSystems who presented four key elements of the Downtown entryway improvement design project. They included a sidewalk/pedestrian walkway between the Train Depot and downtown; decorative street lighting; entryway signage representing downtown and the city limits; and landscaping. Funding from the Fewson Fund, Magellan and the Missouri Department of Transportation were addressed but would be discussed in-depth at a later date.

The decorative street lighting and entryway signage representing downtown and the city limits were the first two prioritized enhancements of the Downtown entryway improvement design project. The street lights would be designed per Missouri Department of Transportation standards with a breakaway base and would be owned, installed and maintained by the city. Mr. Zimmerman noted he spoke with Park University about sharing in the maintenance of the street lights also.

Three options were presented for the entryway signage which would be located between the city limits and White Aloe Bridge, at which the logical spot was at Coffey Road. Zimmerman added all prices of the signage and markers included lighting and irrigation costs.

The first option was the second least expensive with an average cost for maintenance and provided a historical look. The second option was the least expensive with a more contemporary look but landscaping was a concern. The final option was the most expensive due to self-weathering steel and had a contemporary look.

After much discussion the Board agreed to a modified version of Option A in order to maintain the historic look that remained a theme throughout the city. The stone would be changed to a natural stacked stone and the potted plant would be replaced with a large globe light and include "Home of Park University" with blue waves in the background and front-lit wording. The Board also agreed that the marker should have two lights to balance the look.

Mayor Johnston asked for the opinions of the people in the audience and they agreed that Option A provided the historic look that the city was trying to maintain. The representative from Park University was very pleased with the selection and how it fit in with Parkville University's theme.

The work session ended at 6:45 p.m.

The work session minutes for September 16, 2014, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the seventh day of October 2014.

Submitted by:

  
Acting City Clerk Tiffany Terry

