

Mayor Nanette K. Johnston opened the work session at 6:31 p.m. on August 20, 2019, at City Hall located at 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville. In attendance were aldermen Greg Plumb, Douglas Wylie, Philip Wassmer, Tina Welch, Dave Rittman, Robert Lock and Marc Sportsman.

The following staff was also present:  
Joe Parente, City Administrator  
Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief  
Matthew Chapman, Finance/Human Resources Director  
Alysen Abel, Public Works Director  
Stephen Lachky, Community Development Director  
Chris Williams, City Attorney  
Shakedra Knight, Management Analyst/Community Development Department Assistant  
Melissa McChesney, City Clerk

**1. GENERAL AGENDA**

**A. Developing a Smart Cities strategy**

Bob Bennett, B Squared Civic Solutions, provided a history of the company and of the Smart Cities movement. He said he wanted to donate his time to bring Wi-Fi to Parkville. The Smart Cities movement would open up private investment and a new series of investments to the city. Kiosks would be placed in the parks that would provide free Wi-Fi to park visitors and would provide an opportunity to place security cameras in the parks. Revenue would be generated from advertisements on the kiosks and the City would get a portion of the profits. Bennett noted that the kiosks would be similar to those placed along the streetcar line in Kansas City, Missouri. Costs would include unrealized revenue from permitting fees and access to right-of-way if Kansas City Power and Light (KCP&L) installed the kiosks. He noted that as a pilot project there would be no cost to the City during the pilot period.

Bennett also discussed sensors placed in sanitary sewer pipes that measured sound and detected leaks. Missouri American Water began deploying the sensors and KCP&L deployed similar sensors for electricity.

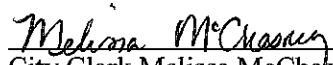
The project would begin with small projects, such as adding the kiosks for Wi-Fi capacity. He recommended four kiosks in the parks to provide the opportunity for park visitors to use them and provide feedback. The City would have up to 50 percent of the content on the kiosks to use as a communication tool.

Discussion focused on advertising, cost, placement of the kiosks to provide Wi-Fi to downtown and fiber that was available on Main Street along FF Highway to Union Chapel Road.

The work session ended at 7:05 p.m.

The work session minutes for August 20, 2019, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the third day of September 2019.

Submitted by:

  
City Clerk Melissa McChesney

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