

apparent that many students appreciated an expanded transit system, but the majority did not know what that meant. In addition, there were many issues with the current system that needed to be fixed in order to adequately serve everyone. The routes needed to be more frequent and less confusing and the requirement of a transfer at the Wabash Station was time consuming and did not make sense for most students. She explained she knew this because she had asked the students and felt that had been lacking. Those on the Task Force only represented a few voices. If they wanted the entire student body behind a solution to the issue, they needed to include them in the process. With the support of PedNet and the CoMET Campaign, she and others had started a Transit Visioning Committee on campus to find out what the students really needed and wanted from a transit system because while many students were unaware of the transit situation, she believed with the right information and the appropriate engagement they would be on board. Their intention in forming the committee was to create a campaign that informed students of the issue, asked students what they want and need from a transit system and engaged them in helping find possible solutions. They hoped to do this through a campus-wide marketing campaign, student surveys, a possible trip to either Ames, Iowa or Champaign, Illinois with student leaders to see them a good student-centric bus system, etc. She noted it was probably unrealistic and unfair to expect students to take on the entire burden of the expansion being envisioned. Since a new system would provide a top class transit service for students, community members, local businesses and others, they wanted to look at a range of financing options and for the expansion to take place over an extended period of time. While she could not speak on behalf of all of the students at this time, she commented that a passionate few felt they could come up with a reasonable solution to help reinvent the Columbia Transit System.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B329-11 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 to the contract with JC Industries, Inc. for construction of sidewalk improvements along the south side of Broadway, from Eighth Street to Ninth Street; accepting the work on the Broadway Sidewalk Reconstruction Project; approving the report of the Director of Public Works; levying and assessing special assessments; appropriating funds.**

The bill was given second reading by the Clerk.

Mayor McDavid understood this project was incomplete at this time. Mr. Schmidt stated that was his understanding and suggested this item be tabled so the technical details could be worked out.

Mayor McDavid asked how much time it would take to address the issues. Mr. Glascock suggested this be tabled to the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion to table B329-11 to the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kespohl and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor McDavid opened the public hearing.

There being no comment, Mayor McDavid continued the public hearing to the January 3, 2012 Council Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**