



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, June 3, 2019
6:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room
1A/1B
Columbia City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 pm. Councilperson Skala arrived at approximately 6:08 pm and Mayor Treece arrived at approximately 6:12 pm.

Present: 6 - Trapp, Thomas, Peters, Treece, Skala, and Pitzer

Absent: 1 - Ruffin

Sidewalks

Attachments: [Plan Presentation to Council](#)
[ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan](#)

Dave Nichols, Director of Public Works, stated that April 2018 brought forth the first draft of the ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan. Allison Anderson, Designing Supervisor, added that the plan is an extension of the Facility ADA Plan and is a living document to be updated each year. Ms. Anderson summarized what is included in the plan including: sidewalk design, specifications, standards and practices for street and sidewalk improvements, inventory of sidewalk system, evaluation and ranking, plans to address ADA compliance, a grievance procedure and public involvement. Ms. Anderson reviewed current sidewalk improvement practices which include: asphalt overlay projects, large CIP roadway improvement projects, CIP sidewalk improvements projects, intersection improvement projects, bus shelter projects, and street maintenance sidewalk repairs.

Ms. Anderson explained that they have been conducting the inventory in-house by sections. They hired two summer engineering interns to assist and have worked with GIS to fine tune an app and dashboard. They started with City properties in planned areas which included East Campus Benton-Stephens, Downtown, and Worley Street areas. The inventory app included sidewalks, driveways, curb ramps, signalized pedestrian crossings, bus shelters and obstructions. The app can take measurements, drop location pins and collect other information on the inventory items as they move throughout the areas. Now that they have the inventory of the areas, they have been working on a GIS dashboard and ranking system. Sidewalk features are ranked as compliant, substantially compliant, or correction recommended. Improvements are prioritized based on the need and available budget. The GIS Dashboard can query the information by location, ranking, etc. Mr. Nichols added that since there is a plan in place, they meet compliance in transitioning to ADA and have sound methodology for prioritizing. Now that new bus routes are in place, a few shelter locations will be coming to Council soon. Ms. Anderson reviewed some of the ranking results for sidewalks and driveways, curb ramps, signalized pedestrian crossings, and obstruction rankings. They will be doing another round of inventory this summer and will also be inventorying concerns calls that come to the Contact Center.

Ms. Anderson explained that sidewalk repairs throughout the City will be completed by Public Works as will annual sidewalk/pedways, curb replacements with asphalt overlay projects, and bus shelters. They will continue to look at the sidewalk gap projects and fill gaps based on the Sidewalk Master Plan. Ms. Anderson stated that repairs on City owned sidewalks ranked as "correction recommended" should be funded by the department that owns the property and departments should budget for this. Property owners with adjacent property would be notified about the need for repairs on their adjacent property and downtown work would be cost shared 50/50 with Public Works. For "correction recommended" rankings on private property, the property owner would be notified by the Office of Neighborhood Services by letter and they will be required to obtain a permit to complete the work. Councilperson Peters asked if property owners could have the City complete the work in order to ensure ADA compliance. Mr. Glascock said they could be tax billed for the work. Mr. Nichols added that they also have a list of contractors that can do the work and would meet ADA compliance. Ms. Anderson stated that they are seeking Council guidance from Council on this plan. Council discussed the plan and options to move forward.

Mr. Skala suggested expanding the 50/50 cost share in order to gain more compliance among property owners needing to do repairs on their property, in order to help address the residential code violations. Councilperson Trapp agreed that a 50/50 participation from the City seems agreeable. Mayor Treece asked if there is still a term and supply contract with a contractor. Ms. Anderson replied that there is, but they have a set price to work with and we get a PO from Finance to pay for the work we have them do. The contract was just renewed for five-years and they can do inflation factors year-to-year. Councilperson Pitzer suggested opening up the cost share for a certain amount of time so people could sign up. Ms. Anderson stated that they had not considered that option yet, so they will need to consider how to handle the logistics of that if that is what Council would like to do. Mr. Glascock stated that staff will bring back a plan with a 50/50 cost share plan for Council to review and consider.

II. ALL OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

Councilperson Thomas asked about the status of the pedestrian scramble. Richard Stone, Engineering and Operations Manager, stated there is a report coming to Council on this topic soon. The project has been rescheduled mostly due to funding issues. Mr. Thomas would also like to pilot lead pedestrian intervals on the downtown signals. Mr. Stone stated they are looking at data on that and will get back to Council on that suggestion in the future with a staff recommendation.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.