

The Washington City Council met in a continued session on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Judy Jennette, Mayor; Doug Mercer, Mayor Pro tem; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Archie Jennings, Councilman; Gil Davis, Councilman; Jim Smith, City Manager; Cynthia Bennett, City Clerk; and Franz Holscher, City Attorney.

Councilman Darwin Woolard arrived at 5:20 p.m. and was made a part of the minutes.

Also present were: Matt Rauschenbauch, Chief Financial Officer; Allen Lewis, Public Works Director; Philip Mobley, Parks and Recreation Director; Mick Reed, Police Chief; Keith Hardt, Electric Director; David Carraway, Information Technology Department; Gloria Moore, Library Director; Bobby Roberson, Planning Director; Jimmy Davis, Fire Chief; Mike Voss, of the Washington Daily News.

Mayor Jennette called the meeting to order and Councilman Brooks delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Franz Holscher, City Attorney explained the Closed Session items will need to be amended as follows: enter into Closed Session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) pursuant to NCGS 160A-279 as well as (a)(4) Economic Development, (a)(3) Attorney-Client privilege, and (a)(6) Personnel. By motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Mercer, Council unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

DISCUSSION - CITIZENS FOR REVITALIZATION

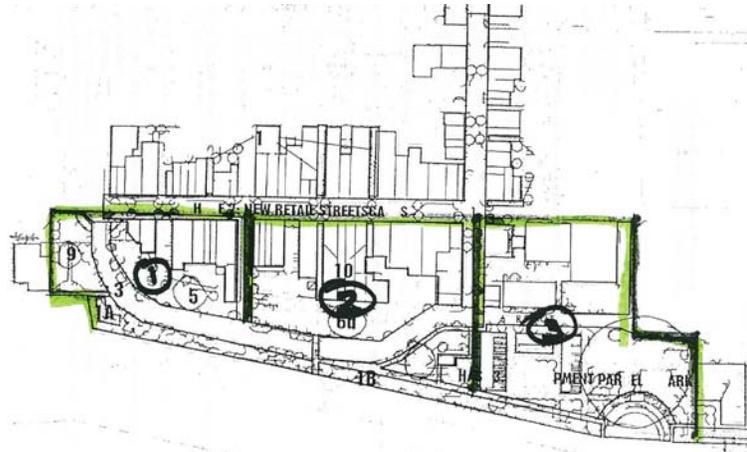
Chris Furlough explained that a five person subcommittee has been formed to act as the liaison for the potential urban design team. The five members of the subcommittee are: Mike Sloan, Maynard Hamblin, Erick Green, Tom Richter and Ross Hamory.

Erick Green said the enhanced park could be a benefit to the City of Washington and can be an economic engine to attract tourist. Maynard Hamblin explained we must have economic development to enhance the quality of life. That can be done by adaptive reuse and new construction. In order to be attractive to visitors we must have world class green space/open space. This can be accomplished by acquiring an Urban Design Developer.

Ross Hamory presented the Citizens for Revitalization Subcommittee Report: Criteria for Urban Design Study.

1. The study must include and be limited to Areas 1, 2 and 3.
2. The seven principles developed by the plenary group must be included and addressed.
3. The renderings provided must be provided in two ways, one with a focus on adaptive reuse and another taking an unfettered approach.
4. The final product must have a level of detail which makes it clear to the public, elected officials and future developers exactly what types of development will be allowed and where the development will take place; this included green space and parks.
5. To ensure the involvement of the public, property owners and others, the bulk of the work on the study should occur locally with the active involvement of all parties.
6. The final product must include three dimensional drawings so the public can understand exactly what is envisioned.
7. The study must avoid duplicating work done in previous plans – specifically those recommendations which were reviewed and adopted by the Citizens for Revitalization Committee.
8. Transparency is the key to the study having credibility and public acceptance.

9. The final product should have an economic component, perhaps completed by an economist to assure the proposals made are economically viable.



Chris Furlough gave estimated cost to Council for an Urban Design Developer ranging from \$50-\$100,000. This will not be another plan that will be in the shelf. This will be a marketing implantation strategy that has to have end results. The primary focus is on implementation. There could be funds from the various groups participating in this project that are willing and able to contribute to funding this project.

Mr. Furlough asked Council to formalize the group, to give them more structure. This will help perpetuate the momentum the Citizens group has achieved. Councilman Jennings commended the group for “sticking with it” and achieving balance. He suggested Council very strongly consider formalizing the group, possibly by using existing by-laws already in place. Mayor Jennette suggested using the DWDC by-laws to get this group started.

**INTRODUCION OF MATT RAUSCHENBAUCH –
 THE CITY OF WASHINIGTON’S NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

PRESENTATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Jim Smith, City Manager explained the Council’s rating scale for the CIP projects.

“A” rating has Council’s full support.

“B” rating has Council’s support if alternative funding sources are available

“C” rating has Council’s support but not in the year proposed.

“D” rating does not have Council’s support for various reasons.

Mr. Smith also explained that departments rate their projects on a progression scale. Vehicles and equipment may be rated separate from facilities at the department’s discretion. A project’s rating is denoted in the upper left hand corner of the individual project sheet. Mayor Pro tem Mercer suggested looking at projects scheduled for the next fiscal year. Mayor Jennette stated there are about 15 items that have a number 1 rating from department heads or in the FY9-10 budget and we will begin with those items. Council discussed the proposed items and rated the projects as follows:

PROJECT NAME	PAGE #	DEPT. RATING	COUNCIL RATING
POLICE FACILITY	8	1	A
MUNICIPAL FIBER NETWORK	12	1	B or C
POLICE VEHICLES	14	1	A
COMMAND VEHICLE	16	1	B or C
RESCUE VEHICLE	17	2	B or C
MCCONNELL COMPLEX EXPANSION	25	1	A or B
AMR METER CHANGE OUT	35	3	B
CHLORINE DISINFECTION	43	1	A

LIFT STATIONS - GENERATOR	46	4	A
LIFT STATION – MAIN & RESPESS	49	7	B
BROWN STREET BRIDGE	54	1	B
REPLACE BUCKET TRUCK #607	58	1	A
REBUILD PINETOWN ELEC. CIRCUIT	63	1	C
SUBSTATION RECLOSERS	64	2	A
REPLACE TRUCK #485	77	1	A

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Mercer, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council extended the meeting until 6:30pm.

CLOSED SESSION – UNDER NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) PURSUANT TO NCGS 160A-279 AS WELL AS (a)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, (a)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, AND (a)(6) PERSONNEL.

By motion of Councilman Woolard, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Mercer, Council agreed to go into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) pursuant to NCGS 160A-279 as well as (a)(4) Economic Development, (a)(3) Attorney-Client privilege, and (a)(6) Personnel.

By motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council unanimously agreed to come out of closed session.

ADJOURN

By motion of Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Woolard, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm, until Monday, April 13, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Cynthia S. Bennett
City Clerk