

The City Council met in special session with the Planning Commission on the above date at the North Kansas City Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

The following were present:

Mayor: Gene Bruns
Councilmen: James Martino
Delores Curry
Lisa Ronning
David Silvers
Chris Hertling
Amy Rutledge
Bettie L. Miller
William Biggerstaff (absent)
Also Present: Mike Smith, Assistant to City Administrator
Pamela Windsor, City Administrator
Pat Hawver, Public Works Director
Tom Barzee, Legal Counsel
Ron Ball, Treasurer
Jeff Samborski, Economic Development Director
Guests: Dick Jarrold KCATA
Lindsey Bergman HNTB
John Dobies, HNTB
Ken Kenny, HNTB
Art Goff
Mike Rainen
Sam Scarfino
Jeff Salem, Sun Tribune
David Katz
Ryan Tull
Karen Todd
Tom Farr
Mark Conarroe

Mayor Bruns called the joint meeting with the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on the North Kansas City Light Rail Evaluation.

Dick Jarrold with KCATA welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for allowing them to focus on light rail in North Kansas City to discuss the alignment options.

John Dobies with HNTB gave a review of last month's presentation and the decisions that need to be made in North Kansas City: value of Light Rail to North Kansas City; alignment/streets; station locations; transit connections to other parts of North Kansas City and the Northland financing and funding.

Mr. Dobies also discussed the benefits of light rail such as improved mobility and

economic development potential as well as the disadvantages such as traffic, neighborhood impacts and the cost and financial impact.

Ken Kenny with HNTB informed those present of the five alternative alignments of light rail; BNSF Murray Yard; Atlantic Street; Burlington; Swift and a vacant railroad spur (just east of Burlington).

Mr. Kenny also discussed the Light Rail Evaluation Selection Criteria that should be used to eliminate alternative alignments; capital cost, current ridership concentrations, potential for increased ridership, development potential, alignment directness, speed, traffic and parking and neighborhood impacts.

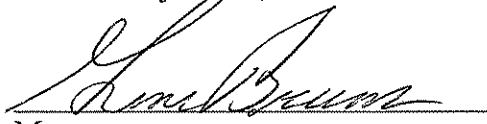
Mr. Kenny presented slides of several different versions of a light rail as it would look on the alternative alignments.

Mr. Kenny opened the discussion and question session. Participants asked questions about width of cars, parking loss, lane loss, length of line, trees in the median, noise levels, controlling intersections, crossing gates, benefits to residents, station locations and traffic flow.

After some discussion, the participants eliminated three of the five aforementioned alternative alignments; Murray Yard, Atlantic Street and railroad siding. The consultants stated they would provide additional data including a parking assessment and traffic study on Burlington & Swift for presentation at the next meeting.

Mayor Bruns adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Council Adjourned,



Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved this 13th day of May 2008.

Motion made by Councilmember C. Miller

Seconded by Councilmember C. Bonning

The votes:

Councilmember Martino yes

Councilmember Curry absent

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Councilmember Silvers yes

Councilmember Ronning yes

Councilmember Hertling yes

Councilmember Rutledge yes

Councilmember Biggerstaff yes

Councilmember Miller yes