

CITY OF LEBANON
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Lebanon, Missouri, met in Work Session on December 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 401 South Jefferson.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following Officers were present: Adkins, Evans, Mitchell, Mizell, Mutchler, Wall, Jordan, Garner, and Mayor Carr. Absent: None.

A quorum was declared.

Staff members and others in attendance: City Administrator Mike Schumacher, Public Works Director Richard Shockley, Police Chief Jerry Harrison, Fire Chief Sam Schneider, Human Resource Director Kathy Milliken, Finance Director Sean Bennett, Facilities Director Shawn Williams, Street Superintendent Mike Moore, Communications Manager Derek Gean, Deputy City Clerk Lacey Brackett, and Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Laina Starnes.

DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Traffic Flow

Street Superintendent Mike Moore presented information regarding traffic flow improvements via a PowerPoint presentation. During his presentation, Moore spoke of intersection improvements, future routes/roadway improvements, current projects, traffic counts, and a possible designated black and gold colored route system with corresponding signage. Moore also spoke of the 1-44/Highway 5 Alignment Study approved by Council and conducted by Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT) to relieve congestion on Jefferson Avenue. He shared CMTs recommended alternatives, which had an overall cost of \$19.3 million as of 2019, and then presented the proposed black and gold routes with a projected total cost of \$4,407,666 million. The Council discussed the information Moore provided and articulated they would like to quit discussing the I-44/Highway 5 alignment because they felt it was a project that was never going to happen due to the lack of MoDOT funding. The discussion then shifted to funding for the proposed black and gold routes. Public Works Director Richard Shockley said he was concerned that the proposed black and gold routes would take away from current funding that was needed to adequately care for existing infrastructure; therefore, he said he felt Council would most likely need to discuss financing if they were interested in the colored route concept.

PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Review of Summit Natural Gas Franchise Agreement- Letter of Intent

Public Works Director Richard Shockley spoke of the current franchise agreement with Summit Natural Gas and said that, per the contract in effect, the City was required to provide in writing its intent to renew two years prior to the expiration date. He said he

recommended renewing for an additional 20 years and would communicate that intent to Summit Natural Gas unless the Council voiced any objections. There were none.

Continued Tax Discussion

City Administrator Mike Schumacher referred to the list of scheduled tax elections that was distributed to each Councilmember prior to the meeting. He said the dates were those that staff understood to be their direction from prior work sessions and a resolution would be forthcoming in January to solidify those dates. He also reported an ordinance would be presented for their consideration in January to call for a use tax election in April.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Carr declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Lacey Brackett



Mayor Jared Carr

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