

**The City of Lee's Summit  
Action Letter  
City Council - Work Session**

Thursday, September 13, 2018

5:45 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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**WORK SESSION NO. 5**

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**Preliminaries:**

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Call to Order

Mayor Baird called Work Session No. 5 to order at 5:52 p.m.

- D. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Bill Baird  
Councilmember Rob Binney  
Councilmember Trish Carlyle  
Councilmember Fred DeMoro  
Councilmember Phyllis Edson  
Councilmember Diane Forte  
Councilmember Bob Johnson  
Councilmember Beto Lopez

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Craig Faith

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Forte, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember Binney  
Councilmember Carlyle  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Forte  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Lopez

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Faith

**2. Council Roundtable**

Councilmember Binney invited everyone to stay after the meeting and enjoy Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street's presentation of the movie "BIG" on the steps of the City Hall Plaza.

**3. Public Comments:**

Ms. Geraldine Amato again shared her thoughts on several topics related to the Federal Government.

Mr. Michel Seignette de Kerobert reported his opposition to the proposed City Scape redevelopment project. His concern was that the project would replace the Lee's Summit Methodist Church that was built on the site in 1922 and he didn't feel the redevelopment project would be a good fit for the location. He informed everyone that earlier in the day he had submitted a nomination for the church to be listed as an historical site.

Mr. Dale Coy commented that the Citizen Strategic Plan addresses long term goals and his suggestions have been about fighting today's battles. He said that is the difference between strategy and tactics and he hasn't expressed great concerns about strategy.

**4. Presentations:**

- A. [2018-2286](#) Discussion regarding authorizing the award of RFP No. 2018-058 for citizens strategic planning professional services to Novak Consulting Group, INC. and authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute said agreement for the same by and on behalf of the City in an amount not to exceed \$84,000.00.

City Council discussions included but were not limited to:

Council involvement  
Implementation is sometimes difficult  
Reduce the amount of time the process takes  
Balancing quality of life issues with basic needs such as stormwater and public safety  
Prioritizing needs and wants  
Making sure the process is very inclusive  
Mayor and Council making decisions on what to include like affordable housing  
Members of a working committee appointed by the Mayor and Council  
Real communication  
Timing expectations  
Looking out 5 - 10 years or further  
Novak has done this nationally and it can be customized to meet Council expectations  
Steering committee and working committee, inclusive group  
Citizen satisfaction survey  
Needs to have both in person and online engagement  
Educate the public, this is what we can afford  
Business owners survey, commercial property owners  
Approving spending before the Council knows what they want from the process  
Approving spending before staff raises but can't get bogged down with one

item at a time

Was an RFP done

Presentation from Novak Consulting before approving the spending

Councilmember Edson requested that Mayor Pro Tem Lopez assign CEDC to look at how to balance new development with the maintenance needs of the aging infrastructure in the older parts of the city.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Forte, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance authorizing the award of RFP 2018-058 for Citizen Strategic Planning Professionals Services to Novak Consulting Group Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute said agreement for the same by and on behalf of the City in an amount not to exceed \$84,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember Binney  
Councilmember Carlyle  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Forte  
Councilmember Lopez

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Faith

**B.** [2018-2278](#) Lee's Summit Long-Range Master Development Plan

City Council discussions included but were not limited to:

Include legend explaining the color code

Joint meeting between City Council and Planning Commission

Is anyone interested in the 900 acres south of 50 Highway or is it all long range

The Mormon Church has been willing to have discussions regarding the 4200 acres they own in Lee's Summit.

Conversations with municipalities that touch Lee's Summit borders, Unity Village and Kansas City

We provide public safety services to other communities so we need to be in those conversations

CEDC and Planning Commission Liaison working to have collaborative meeting

Timing would be after council completes their vision for the community

Corridor planning as part of the strategic planning

District meetings

Looking to 2040, the plan would have to be very open due to increases in technology, would the Consultant be qualified for that

## 5. Committee Reports

Councilmember DeMoro announced that the September Public Works Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum so there are two items being sent directly to council on the September 20, 2018 agenda.

Councilmember Edson reported that the Lee's Summit Housing Authority has

it's new website up, the domain is HACLS.org. She then conveyed that the partnership for the prevention of risky behaviors invited community leaders to watch a documentary regarding the legalization of marijuana and the effect it has on communities. She noted that there will be three marijuana questions on the November ballot and that the Health Education Advisor Board had previously prepared a Resolution that the City Council adopted and, if something passes in November, an ordinance might be brought forth.

Councilmember Binney shared his appreciation of Councilmember Edson's involvement in the Whiteman Airforce Base Community Interaction Group. She and Matt Baird, with the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce, have been very good Liaisons for the City. Their involvement has led to the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce forming a new committee known as the Military Affairs Committee.

#### **6. Council Comments:**

Councilmember Johnson detailed that in 2012 the City Council adopted a "Public to be heard" ordinance referencing committee hearings. He cited Section 2-55 Rule 1.5- All items before a committee shall be considered only after giving the Council sponsor, the proponents, the opponents and any persons desiring to address the committee a reasonable opportunity to be heard. He asked Committee Chairs to pay closer attention to this, he would like to see more adherence to the current ordinance.

Mayor Baird reported that there was a Public Service Agreement meeting that included the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Committee, Downtown Main Street, Velocity and Community Marketing. Their discussions included how they could help each other, not duplicating services, share information, etc. He added a thank you to all of them for getting together to collaborate.

#### **7. Staff Roundtable**

Mr. Steve Arbo, City Manager, reminded everyone that tomorrow on KMBZ radio, the city of Lee's Summit will be the "Featured Community" in the morning and afternoon. They will be interviewing community leaders and talking about the exciting things happening in Lee's Summit.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Mayor Baird adjourned Work Session No. 5 at 8:11 p.m.

Unless determined otherwise by the Mayor and City Council, no new agenda items shall be considered after 11:00 p.m.

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