

Roeland Park City Council
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
September 22, 2008

Meeting began at 8:00 PM

Present: Meeting Chair: Bill Art, and Co-Chair Scott Gregory. Others present: Adrienne Foster, Bob Meyers, Toni Hull, Steve Petren, Debra Mootz, Debbie Schrader, and a few residents of the city.

I. Call to order

II. New Business

A. Schedule dates for final decision regarding the City Hall renovation.

The discussion began by stating that the reason for having this discussion was to keep the property owners from waiting any longer for the council to decide.

The following comments were a part of the discussion:

- The economy is in a financial crisis to take on even the least expensive proposals presented by the feasibility study.
- Feasibility study requires a study of all possibilities and one possibility was not considered and that would be to determine what is feasible with in the current revenue stream for the current location.
- Strong comment about not building new at the east clover leaf. Stay in the current T.I.F. district.
- One refuted that the economy was going bad. The city needs to continue to invest into the future.
- Suggestion to assemble the properties to the north of city hall so that the city would have more say in how it gets developed. People are ready to sell their properties. This opportunity does not come up often.
- The council needs to decide.
- A motion to vote to yes or no on the property to the north is not wise.
- Once again a comment about how residents are not happy with all the money spent on studies but the council does not decide.

Joel will prepare the costs for an addendum and have this ready by the next council meeting for approval. Once this is done then Joel can prepare what is feasible with the current revenue stream for this current location.

Estimate a final decision can be made by the second council meeting in October. This would be 10-20-08.

III. Other items discussed.

C. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee for former Roeland Park School property.

Now that we have the survey in hand it is thought that we appoint a committee composed of a member each from the Admin and Finance committees, one member from Ward III and one other to be named person. The Mayor suggested that he be given the names of the people for appointment at the 10-6-08 council meeting. This Ad-Hoc committee would be charged with recommending what will be on that site.

Adjourned 8:50 PM