

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: WEST MAIN RE-ALIGNMENT

Mayor David Futcher called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Malella, Roberson, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, and Karnofski.

Staff Members present were: City Manager Denny Richards, Public Works Director, David Sypher, Community Development Director Michael Kerins, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield, Civil Engineer Mike Kardas, and Deputy City Clerk Carol Bradbury.

Public Works Director David Sypher introduced Thomas B. Walsh, PE Principal of Otak, and Al King, Project Manager for Lochner. Large maps showing the different realignment options were located in the Council Chambers for all to view.

Tom Walsh, representative of Otak, said the following items will be covered in tonight's meeting:

- Various changes and updates that have been made.
- Review the alignments and discuss preferences and concerns to help Councilmembers form an opinion
- Funding options

Mr. Walsh gave detailed information about the following realignment alternatives:

- Alternative 1 (West – crossover between 4th and 6th)
- Alternative 1A (West – shift south on Catlin)
- Alternative 2 (Central – crossover between 3rd and 5th)
- Alternative 2A (Central – shift south on Catlin)
- Alternative 3 (East – crossover between 1st and 3rd)
- Alternative 3A (East – shift south on Catlin)

The public outreach has been through Stakeholder/Technical Advisory Committee meetings, an open house, Kelso City Council Meetings, and project information on the website. Stakeholder/property owner interviews will also take place.

Al King, Project Manager for Lochner, emphasized the City has already committed to the project because federal funds were used. If the project is not completed within ten years, these funds possibly would have to be returned. He recommended the project should not be stopped; however, it can be put on hold. Mr. King spoke about some of the funding options the City is currently not using for transportation such as impact fees, TBD (Transportation Benefit District), federal grants, TIB (state funding), SEPA

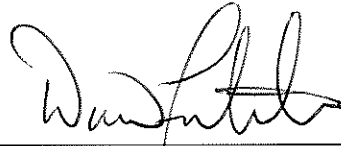
mitigation, LID (Local Improvement District), real estate excise tax (REET ²), and fund transfers where they are appropriate, such as stormwater utility.

Councilmembers need to decide what West Kelso means to the City of Kelso's bigger picture. What do you want this area to be? Do you want it to enhance the economic future of Kelso? Plan on a three to twenty-year funding program.

Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Continue with the design through our current federal grant funding.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

It was the consensus of the Council to have another workshop on February 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the project and the various realignment alternatives.

Mayor Fatcher adjourned the special workshop meeting at 7:05.



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