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Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 64-08

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a Downtown Columbia Leadership Council; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

ARTICLE V. COMMISSIONS

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DIVISION 5. ~~RESERVED~~ DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Sec. 2-281. Established.

The Downtown Columbia Leadership Council is hereby established.

Sec. 2-282. Membership; officers.

The Downtown Columbia Leadership Council shall consist of fifteen (15) members. Three (3) members shall be appointed by the City Council. The Director of Planning and Development and Director of Economic Development shall be members. Each of the following shall appoint one (1) member: the Boone County Commission, the chancellor of the Columbia Campus of the University of Missouri, the president of Columbia College, the president of Stephens College, the Columbia Housing Authority, the Special Business District, the North Central Neighborhood Association, the East Campus Neighborhood Association, the Benton Stephens Neighborhood Association and the Douglass Park Neighborhood Association. One (1) of the initial members appointed by the City Council shall serve a term of one (1) year, one shall serve a term of two (2) years and one shall serve a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for terms of three (3) years, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for unexpired terms only.

Members shall serve without compensation. The Downtown Columbia Leadership Council shall elect from its members a chair, vice-chair and secretary. The chair shall preside at meetings. If the chair is absent or unable to preside, the vice-chair shall preside. The secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Leadership Council.

Sec. 2-283. Duties.

The Downtown Columbia Leadership Council shall have the following duties:

- (1) Develop and recommend to the City Council proposed boundaries of an expanded downtown development concept plan and study area.
- (2) Assess current assets and additional opportunities within the expanded study area that would assist in the area's redevelopment.
- (3) Advise City staff and consultants on preparation of a blight/conservation study and preparation of a Missouri Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Act (MODESA) application.
- (4) Develop for City Council consideration, a strategic plan for the area and an underlying concept plan, similar to the plan prepared for the downtown area by Sasaki Associates. The Sasaki plan should be used as a base for the expanded area.
- (5) Recommend to the City Council possible development guidelines and physical attributes for downtown Columbia.
- (6) Work on other projects requested by the City Council.

Secs. ~~2-281~~ 2-284--2-300. Reserved.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

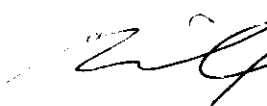
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

Source:  
Bill Watkins

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager and Staff   
**DATE:** February 27, 2008  
**RE:** Downtown Columbia Leadership Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the February 18 Council meeting, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance establishing a Downtown Columbia Leadership Council.

DISCUSSION:

The information below was forwarded to Council in a report at the February 18 Council meeting. Following Council discussion, staff was directed to prepare an ordinance forming a Downtown Columbia Leadership Council and to expand the membership to include representatives from the Benton-Stephens and Douglass Neighborhoods.

Excerpts from 2/18/08 report:

**A) Overview/Setting the Stage:**

The creation of a Downtown Columbia Leadership Council is provided for in the *Imagine Columbia's Future* - Vision Plan/Downtown Chapter and associated Appendix C. The Vision Plan describes this entity has being a private nonprofit membership organization composed of businesses and property owners and nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is to take the lead recommending policies necessary to implement the Downtown Columbia vision strategies. The Council is an advisory body to the City Council.

Two other entities with other proposed tasks and responsibilities are also provided for in the Downtown Vision Chapter; **Downtown Columbia Development Partnership (DCDP)** and **Downtown Development Authority (DCDA)**. The main function of the Downtown Columbia Development Partnership is to coordinate the development of a comprehensive Downtown Strategic Business Plan, Design Guidelines, Market Analysis, and Downtown Existing Conditions. The Downtown Development Authority (Sasaki calls this the 'Joint Board') is to undertake public improvements that would have the greatest impact in attracting new private investments downtown. I suggest that for now, the duties of the Development Partnership be assigned to the Leadership Council.

Fiscal Impact

YES

NO

Other Info.

**B) Downtown Columbia Leadership Council Scope of Work:**

In order to “jumpstart” implementation of the Downtown vision strategies and action plans, forming the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council as an advisory body to the City Council should start now. The proposed scope of work for the Downtown Columbia Leadership Council could lay the groundwork for creating Downtown Columbia as a Regional Center and more specifically, is a required preparation for a MODESA application. The proposed charge for this group could initially include:

1. Develop and recommend to Council proposed boundaries of an expanded Downtown Development Concept Plan and Study Area.
2. Assess current assets and additional opportunities within the expanded study area (#1) that would assist in its redevelopment.
3. Advise staff/consultants on preparation of a blight/conservation study and preparation of a MODESA application
4. Develop for Council consideration a strategic plan for the area described in #1, and an underlying concept plan, similar to the Sasaki plan. The Sasaki plan should be used as a base for the expanded area.
5. Recommend to City Council, possible development guidelines and physical attributes for downtown.
6. Other projects as requested by the City Council.

**C) Downtown Columbia Leadership Council Membership:**

The Downtown Columbia Leadership Council would be an advisory group to the City Council, as would the TIF Commission and a Downtown Economic Stimulus Authority (latter is a requirement of a MODESA application).

**D) Proposed Membership:**

City Planning Director  
Representative of County Commission  
University of Missouri - Columbia, Representative of Chancellor  
Columbia College, President’s designee  
Stephens College, President’s designee  
Economic Development Department Director  
Representative of Neighborhood Associations-North Central and East Campus  
Representative of Columbia Housing Authority  
Representative of Special Business District  
Three Interested Persons  
**Benton-Stephens Neighborhood Association Representative and  
Douglass Neighborhood Association Representative per Council  
direction 2/18/08**

**E) Staffing**

Whether furnished by the city or another board member, staffing will be critical as agendas, minutes, and other information/research will be requested.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approval of the ordinance.