Council Work Session Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Mezzanine Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building
701 E. Broadway

Council members present: Mayor Hindman (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Almeta Crayton, Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Barbara Hoppe and Laura Nauser

City Manager Bill Watkins and other city staff members were present.

The City Manager proposed the following ground rules which were agreed to by Council:

- Half hour discussion per utility; and.
- Public comment will not be allowed; however, will entertain questions from the public at the end of the work session

The Council received consultant presentations on cost of service study for solid waste, wastewater, electric and water. Those studies are available online at www.gocolumbiamo.com Copies of the consultants' presentations are on file in the City Manager's Office.

Additional information requested by Council:

Wastewater – how do our connection fees compare with other comparable cities?

Water – public fire: $544,700 (revenue required). Fee based on water meter size versus flat fee (1.14) Council asked if this could be considered. Requested a report which would present an argument for/against flat fee versus meter size and consider in FY09.

Dollar amount of bump up if don't do public fire charge – discuss at Wednesday's work session.

Rate objectives – remove; misrepresents what Council submitted 1-7.

Electric connection fees – forward key code to Council