

JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
INFORMAL MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 3, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Keenan Cortez called the January 3, 2022 Joplin City Council informal meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members: Charles Copple, Keenan Cortez, Doug Lawson, Diane Reid Adams, Gary Shaw, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Absent: Anthony Monteleone, Mayor Ryan Stanley. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

Woodsonia Development Update-Menards Project

Drew Snyder, Woodsonia Joplin, LLC, presented the 32nd Street Place Development Update:

- Relocation of Hammons Blvd.
- Improvements to Hammons
- Future intersection of Hammon's & 32nd Street/Traffic Signal
- Relocation of BKD to the former Jim Bob's Restaurant
- Future development projects: apartment complexes
- Review of the CID Project Budget

Mr. Snyder predicted the project would finish underbudget and the the anticipated completion date for CID work is June 1, 2022.

Transit Restructure

Public Works Director David Hertzberg presented a contingency transit service reductions report. Driver shortages have caused Joplin and other cities to reduce transit service. 47% of Joplin's transit driver positions are unfilled and 66% of trolley driver positions are unfilled. Service reduction options and triggers (•) were discussed

- 1) Reduce MAPS service from 6 routes per day to 3 routes per day
 - Down to 5 MAPS drivers from 8
- 2) Reduce MAPS service to 4 routes per day and reduce Trolley hours from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. to 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Down to 4 Trolley drivers from 9 and down 2 MAPS drivers
- 3) Reduce MAPS service to 3 routes per day and condense Trolley system two routes that would operate on 1.5-hour loops from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Down to 5 MAPS drivers and down to 3 Trolley drivers
- 4) Eliminate Trolley service and continue to operate 6 MAPS routes per day
 - Down to 2 Trolley drivers and have at least 7 MAPS drivers

The Transit's Public Involvement Plan establishes the City of Joplin will solicit and consider public comments prior to implementing major service reductions. Two public meetings will be held for the public to give comments or voice complaints. City Staff will keep the city council updated on the results of the public involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Barbara Gollhofer, MPCC