

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: WEST MAIN REALIGNMENT CONTINUATION

Mayor David Futcher called the meeting to order.

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

Staff Members present were: City Manager Dennis Richards, Public Works Director David Sypher, Community Development Director Michael Kerins, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield, Library Manager Cindy Donaldson, Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton, Civil Engineer Mike Kardas, and Deputy City Clerk Carol Bradbury.

At the January 19th Council Workshop, detailed information and maps were provided concerning 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)

Mayor Futcher reminded those in attendance that a motion was made and passed at the January 19th Regular Council Meeting to eliminate West Main Realignment Options 1A, 2A, 1, and 2. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss further Options 3 and 3A.

Thomas B. Walsh, PE Principal of Otak, and Al King, Project Manager for Lochner, answered questions about information that was presented at the January 19th workshop and discussed land use and redevelopment options. Don Hanson, the planner on the project, was also introduced.

Don Hanson, Otak Representative, spoke about needing to think in broader terms about the district and how this road project will impact the existing businesses. It is important to think about how the entire district might redevelop and improve and how it could change Kelso's future. Mr. Hanson referred to large maps located in the Council Chambers showing the various realignment options. The area, which is currently zoned West Kelso Commercial, is pretty uniform and flexible.

Lengthy discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pursue design option 3A.'** Discussion followed.

Mayor Fatcher invited comments from the audience. The following people spoke:

E. J. Ford, would like to see local contractors get the bids for this project.

Orville Tomasli, a member of the Sons of Norway, spoke about their need for parking when they hold two large fundraisers each year. He also asked about the purpose for relocating West Main.

Discussion followed.

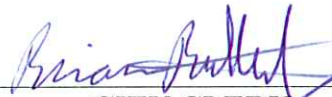
Thomas Walsh said one meeting with the public has been held and another open house is being planned. Information from the open house will be presented to Council, possibly in March.

Councilmembers Schimmel, Malella, McDaniel, Karnofski, Myers, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Roberson voted no. **Motion passed 6 to 1.**

Mayor Fatcher adjourned the Special Workshop Meeting at 7:05 p.m.



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