

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**November 18, 2021 – 11:55 a.m.
City Hall – Council Chamber**

A Council Work Session was held for a joint meeting with the St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Attending: Mayor Bill McMurray and Councilmembers Madison Davis (via video conferencing), PJ Kovac, Russell Moore, Marty Novak and Kent O'Dell.

Bryan Carter, City Manager; Andy Clements, Public Works & Transportation Director; Chris Connally, Police Chief; Jason Soper, Asst. City Attorney; Brady McKinley, Asst. Public Works & Transportation Director; Abe Forney, Airport Manager; Chance Gallagher, Transportation Planner; Ed Schilling, Multimedia Planner; Ashley Parker, Executive Admin. Asst./Public Works & Transportation Dept.; and Paula Heyde, City Clerk.

MPO members: Robert Dempster, Chairman, Ashley Albers, Ron Hook and Bruce Lundy. (Councilmembers Davis, Novak and O'Dell and Mr. Carter are also members of the MPO.)

Mayor Bill McMurray called the Council Work Session to order

Robert Dempster, Chairman of the MPO, conducted the meeting of the MPO.

Public comment and discussion on I-229 bridge:

Dean Van Schoiack, Missouri State Representative, spoke in support of keeping the bridge because farmers use it to take their grain and livestock to market and they may go elsewhere if it is torn down.

John Josendale, 4613 Manor Dr., asked about who will maintain the road if it is no longer an interstate.

Marty Liles, MoDOT representative, said MoDOT can schedule a public meeting to go over the five alternatives for I-229 (one of which is to repair the existing double decker structure).

Mr. Dempster said the MPO does not have a recommendation because they don't have all the data from MoDOT that they need to make one. Mr. Liles said the study has not provided a preferred alternative to the MPO to make a ruling on.

The next step is a public meeting scheduled by MoDOT.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.