Screen Shots from January 26, 2022 Public Forum on New City Hall Site Selection

6:06 pm 40 participants

**Eric “Cody” Salter** (Guest) 06:09 PM

Considering the fact that the majority of the public voted for the city hall being in lemon creek and realizing that the Walmart building is a bad idea shouldn’t the first place to consider putting City Hall be put there. How about across from Western Auto. The police station and the city shop have both been moved to Lemon creek. A MAJOR consideration should be the downtown parking problem would be solved by moving City Hall out of downtown.

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**Murray Walsh** (Guest) 06:16 PM

The Comprehensive Plan used to require that city hall be kept downtown. Does it still have that requirement?

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Dave Hanna (Guest) 06:17 PM

Why is a parking garage needed for the Whitier site and it appears no additional parking is planned for the transit center site?

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Eric "Cody" Salter (Guest) 06:17 PM

Walmart is part of Lemon creek it should be added to the Lemon creek number

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Dave Hanna (Guest) 06:20 PM

Building on top of the transit center will be logistically challenging with no laydown area or room for additional equipment vs the other sites. Is this taken into the cost considerations

Eric "Cody" Salter (Guest) 06:30 PM

I don’t mean to be rude but I think separating Lemon creek from people selecting Walmart is manipulation or the numbers. The city could look at buying the parking lot since the building is on leased land. The parking lot is twice as big as needed. I can see that 450 Wittier is already selected.
Michael Neussl (Guest) 06:32 PM

Does the old Walmart building test fit include all City Hall Functions "fit" into the existing building (i.e. from all five of the current City Hall Function locations)?

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Jon Reiswig (Guest) 06:32 PM

could the Wal Mart site be purchased instead of leased? I am worried that appearance was so low on the list by participants who took the survey. We live in such a beautiful area and we have a lot of awful looking buildings but I assume we can be assured what ever is built will be something that fits our area.

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Jeanne Rynne (You) 06:34 PM

Yes.
Is there an economic and community development impact analysis in this site selection process?

Economic Impact considerations on existing Juneau businesses do not appear to be a criterion in the matrix. It seems the location focus criteria to date is on reducing city costs rather than also including and considering impact costs on downtown Juneau businesses, taxes they pay, and jobs they create.

Moving the City Hall out of downtown could be existential for some downtown businesses. For example, "A typical town hall draws 200 to 500 people a day."
"Foot traffic is critical to the survival of downtown businesses and civic buildings and functions are destinations that facilitate that need."
Robert Gibbs, FASLA, AICP Gibbs Planning Group- Mr. Gibbs also teaches urban planning at Harvard University.

Gibbs Planning Group https://gibbsplanning.com/
Another study by Donovan Rypkema, President and CEO, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm, says public buildings boost a downtown’s economy. City Government offices can be a boon. “A downtown worker will spend between $2,500 and $3,500 a year in the downtown economy,”
Place Economics https://www.placeeconomics.com/
Question comment from Duff Mitchell. A Downtown Business Association Board Member
Dave Hanna (Guest) 06:44 PM

Is there a cost developed for adding parking to the transit center site?

Anonymous Attendee 06:47 PM

When considering the Walmart site, was there any discussion about the potential of expanding the scope to include other City uses that are not in those 5 downtown sites? i.e. Mt Jumbo, Thane Warehouse, etc...?

Dave Hanna (Guest) 06:49 PM

I meant to go with the proposed new offices

Dave Hanna (Guest) 06:52 PM

Have you considered converting the old city hall into the city museum?

Loren Jones (Guest) 06:52 PM

Downtown parking is a major concern. The Planning Commission is asking the Assembly to look at eliminating most required parking for future development. Thus any parking increases in downtown will fall on all citizens. Where is CBJ looking at putting new parking if not another garage?
top choices should have one listed as none of above.

Anecdotally I know that if people have to park more than 50-100 feet from their destination, they perceive this to be a "long" distance. Proximity of the city hall to downtown is similarly an important metric for a vibrant downtown. How are you taking this economic impact into consideration?

How many people voted on the poll, please?

JEDC did a study of winter business travel and most persons coming in winter stay downtown and are there for government business. Government (City, State, Tribal) is major driver of economy for downtown. We don't want tourism to take over in summer and for downtown be vacant in winter.

If CBJ Leases the Walmart Bldg, how does that remove it from Property Tax Rolls? Doesn't the owner still pay property tax on it?
Ricardo Worl - Gaachxweina (Guest) 07:13 PM

is there any consideration or important factors related to availability of federal funds or opportunity for infrastructure that are motivating decisions or timing?

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jon reiswig (Guest) 07:17 PM

parking should be a top priority for any site as it is very difficult to find a parking space now downtown. Therefore I do not favor downtown site.

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