

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crombie and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Crombie, Council members Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Mayor Crombie led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Clark second by Thom to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

Mayor Crombie read the items on the Consent Agenda. No items were asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Rule second by Royem to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried voice vote.

Consideration of the City Budget Line-Item Policy was tabled to the new ad hoc Committee on Finance.

Motion by Melotte second by Rule to accept the new Letter of Credit for the Highland Ridge Addition #1 in the amount of \$18,156 and for the release of the current Letter of Credit. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Thom second by Royem to adopt 724-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 94-52 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning the Imposition of a Room Tax". Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion Royem second by Thom to grant a "Class B" liquor license to Chef's Corner, LLC, at 158 E James Street, Columbus. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Thom second by Royem to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 725-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 6-44 (e) of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Minimum License Use Requirement". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Royem second by Thom to waive the required reading of Ordinance 725-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 6-44 (e) of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Minimum License Use Requirement". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Thom second by Royem to adopt Ordinance 725-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 6-44 (e) of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Minimum License Use Requirement". Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Royem second by Thom to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 726-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of the Columbus Code of Ordinances Regarding the Collection and Distribution of Room Tax". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Royem second by Thom to waive the required reading of Ordinance 726-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of the Columbus Code of Ordinances Regarding the Collection and Distribution of Room Tax". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Royem second by Thom to adopt Ordinance 726-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of the Columbus Code of Ordinances Regarding the Collection and Distribution of Room Tax". Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Royem second by Melotte to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 727-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 78.53 Regarding Fees in the City Columbus". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Clark second by Melotte to waive the required reading of Ordinance 727-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 78.53 Regarding Fees in the City Columbus". Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Royem second by Clark to adopt Ordinance 727-15, "An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 78.53 Regarding Fees in the City Columbus". Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

The Council ad hoc Committee on Finance will meet for a noticed meeting if a minimum of 3 members of the Council are present, with all Council members eligible to attend ad hoc Committee on Finance meetings. The ad hoc Committee will review the claims packet and other city financial policies. Recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Finance will be made at regular meetings of the Council.

Motion by Thom second by Reid to grant a conditional use permit to Rodney Cooley at 629 Chapel Street to operate a motor repair/welding shop as applied for. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Thom second by Royem to grant the request for an amendment to the conditional use permit of Badger Motor Cars, LLC to allow "Class B" liquor license at 336 N Spring St. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Clark second by Royem to approve the transfer of City-raised donations for the Pavilion project to the Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission Pavilion ADA Project savings account in the amount of \$24,834.75, and to transfer future donated funds to the same account. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes".

Motion by Royem second by Melotte to approve the change of agent for Ultra Mart Foods, LLC, to Donald F Klug, Agent. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Clark second by Royem to grant operator licenses to Stephanie Smart and Kelsey M Goebel. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom

voting “Yes”.

Motion by Royem second by Rule to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$497,484.97. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting “Yes”.

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported following the review process the Ottery Trucking project has broken ground and the building should open in May. The 2016 Street projects are being designed and a Public Information Meeting will be held 01/13/16 at 4:30 pm at the Senior Center. The City’s GIS project will be under way this month and a ceremony will be held at the Senior Center January 7 from 4:30-6:00 honoring the City of Columbus as they receive the Investment in Infrastructure Achievement Award from Ruckert Mielke, Inc.

Mayor Crombie reported the City will deal with challenges for 2016 looking at facility needs and infrastructure needs, and will look at a fire station, community center and library study, and the planned updates to the park pavilion.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 12/15/15

HLPC – 12/09/15

Library Board – 11/17/15

W&L Commission – 11/12/15

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm on a motion by Royem second by Thom. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk