

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday January 19, 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, Rule and Thom, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Royem.

Mayor Crombie led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Thom second by Melotte to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried voice vote. There were no citizen comments for the Council.

City Administrator Vander Sanden acknowledged Public Works Manager Davis Clark for completing work on the certificate training from the American Public Works Association for public works supervisor. .

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

Motion by Thom second by Clark to approve the use of the State Bad Debt Collection System for past due accounts. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Clark second by Reid to approve Amendment #1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Columbus and the Columbus School District. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Thom second by Clark to adopt Resolution #1-16, "Resolution Authorizing Borrowing from WPPI Energy." Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Rule second by Melotte to approve the appointment of Kelly Crombie (term of office), Michael Thom (ALD, May of each year), members appointed for calendar year in January: Jenny Achterberg (16), Bob O'Brion (16), Andy Traxler (16), and a representative of the Wisconsin hotel and motel industry currently doing business in the City of Columbus (16). Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Clark second by Rule to approve granting operator licenses to Shana Hoffman, Sheila Winter and Christopher Meier. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Thom second by Rule to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$ 2,113,880.18. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes'.

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported an information meeting was held for affected properties along the route of the 2016 street projects and was well attended. Vander Sanden reported city staff, City Engineer Lietha and Andy Burt presented valuable information on the project.

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Vander Sanden attended a meeting with the Columbus and Fall River High Schools and local manufacturers with the goal to make students aware of skilled labor positions available with local manufacturers. The Chamber annual meeting will be held this week Thursday and will feature a speaker from the DOT with experience with road projects through community downtowns.

Mayor Crombie reported the Infrastructure Award from Ruekert Mielke was received by the city and donated to the Columbus Area Endowment. Crombie attended the Columbus Community Hospital annual meeting last night and reported on the economic and health benefit provided to the city and the community through having the hospital located in Columbus. Pool passes for the 2016 season are available now and if purchased in January include a \$15 concession bonus.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:
Council Minutes – 01/05/16, 01/07/16
Cable Commission – 09/23/15
Senior Citizens Advisory – 12/03/15

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm on a motion by Thom second by Clark. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk