

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 – 7:00 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Thom and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Crombie, Council members Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Motion by Royem second by Rule to approve the agenda with items #5, 7, 8 and 9 tabled. Hearing no objections, Chair Thom announced the agenda approved. There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

Fire Chief Koehn provided information on the disposal of surplus Fire Department pagers, with half of the proceeds being returned to the Rural Group. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, February 16, 2016.

The discussion of special assessments for 2016 Street Projects continued. Consensus was reached on the remaining items from the draft list of items from the previous meeting, and will be referred to City Attorney Johnson for a resolution to begin the special assessment process.

City Engineer Lietha presented information on design issues affecting sidewalks on S. Charles St in the 2016 Street Project. Lietha will add the sidewalk on S Charles St as an alternate bid to the project.

ED Director Carlson gave the Council an update on the City's new website look. The design environment is now available to city staff and Carlson is expecting to have the site open to the public.

Vander Sanden reported he and members of the Cable Commission are working on plans to update the cable equipment.

The Council meeting date of Tuesday March 15 will be rescheduled for Monday March 14 to allow Council members to attend the annual Ag-Business Dinner.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:34 pm on a motion by Rule second by Clark per ss 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require specifically to consider fire station space needs. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes."

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:14 pm on a motion by Clark second by Melotte. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:14 pm on a motion by Rule second Royem by per ss 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require specifically to consider the Hydro Street site. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes."

The meeting reconvene to open session at 9:37 pm on a motion by Clark second by Rule.  
Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:38 pm on a motion by Rule second by Royem per ss 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require specifically to consider TIF #4 activity. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting "Yes."

The meeting reconvene to open session at 9:48 pm on a motion by Rule second by Clark.  
Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm on a motion by Rule second by Clark. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk