

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 – 7:28 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 7:28 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 Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Motion by Royem second by Clark to approve the agenda with item #15, 2<sup>nd</sup> closed session, deleted. Hearing no objections, Chair Thom announced the agenda approved. There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

The proposal to construct a press box at the Fireman's Park Football Field from the Columbus School District was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, March 14, 2016. Attorney Johnson will prepare a memorandum of understanding to cover the project.

The request of Firemans Service Corp to waive fees for the use of Firemans Park for the Carson & Barnes circus was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, March 14, 2016.

City Engineer Lietha reported the bids were opened this week and the city received 3 good bids. Lietha will prepare a recommendation for the Council for the award of the 2016 Street Utility Project for the next regular meeting of the Council, March 14, 2016. The sidewalk on S Charles Street was included as an alternate bid. Detailed information on the bid tab will be provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

The parking signage request of "Chef's Corner" (formally Fireman's Tavern) was tabled to the next Committee of the Whole.

PW Manager Clark provided an update on the basic repairs, maintenance items and improvements to the aquatic center building and grounds in preparation of the 2016 season. The manager for the 2016 season has been selected and season passes are available.

The offer to purchase of the building at 147 S. Ludington St was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, March 14, 2016. City Attorney Johnson will prepare a counter offer.

The draft ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Floodplain Regulations was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, March 1, 2016 for the first reading.

The Council agreed to move the April 5, 2016 City Council meeting to Tuesday, March 29, 2016 due to the Spring Election.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:16 pm on a motion by Clark second by Rule 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 8:36 pm on a motion by Clark second by Royem. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm on a motion by Clark second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk