

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday March 1, 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 (arrived at 6:48 pm), Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. There were no citizen comments for the council.

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

City Administrator Vander Sanden announced to the Council the Columbus Wastewater Treatment Lab received the 2016 Wastewater Lab of the Year from the WDNR. The Columbus Lab had received the runner-up award in 2015. Vander Sanden expressed appreciation for the City's Wastewater team, John Nehmer, Kevin Neu and Ryan Hoffman. John Nehmer described receiving the award from the DNR Secretary and credited Neu and Hoffman for their work in the lab.

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

Motion by Reid second by Royem to grant a "Class B" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of La Tolteca Mexican Restaurant, LLC, 128 E James St, Lourdes Aranda agent. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve Task Order 2016-01 with Ruekert Mielke for preparation of a Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance program for the Wastewater facility. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Rule to table to the ad hoc Committee on Finance consideration of Resolution 3-16, A Reimbursement Resolution for 2016 Bonds (General Fund). Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Melotte to table to the ad hoc Committee on Finance consideration of Resolution 9-16, A Reimbursement Resolution for 2016 Bonds (Sewer). Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Rule to adopt Resolution 7-16, Resolution to Amend the 2016 Budget. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve the 2016 Haz-Mat Response Services Agreement with Columbia County. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to allow the use of City Right-of-Way for required parking at the request of At Home Again, 110 Stuart Street. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Royem to approve a \$2.00/hour pay increase for Senior Center part time employees during the time it takes to hire a new director, retroactive to January 11, 2016 and continuing through the hire of a new director. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Royem second by Melotte to grant operator licenses to Lourdes Aranda, Alonso Aranda, Heather Caldwell, Chris Roelke and Brigette Roussel. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Motion by Thom second by Melotte to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$3,063,681.00. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported the city's new website is up and running. Staff is working with it and learning the new site. Senior Center director interviews are completed and a recommendation will be made soon.

The next Council meeting will be Monday March 14, 2016 so Council member can attend the annual Agri-Business dinner on Tuesday March 15, 2016.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:48 pm on a motion by Thom second by Melotte 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 5-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:18 pm on a motion by Clark second by Royem. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Clark second by Royem to approve the sale of the city's interest in the City held collateral for the Hydro Street Revolving Loan to Brian Benzine in the amount of \$31,000 as follows: the City to receive \$16,500 and the County to receive \$14,500 with the sale to the City to be in cash within 30 days; with the City to be held harmless, and sale contingent upon remove of all collateral and repair of any damages by Benzine. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Clark, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule and Thom voting 'Yes.'

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 02/16/16	HLPC – 02/10/16
Library Board – 01/19/16	W&L – 01/14/16
Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Policies-	1/07/16, 1/14/16

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Picnic License: St Jerome Church – 1550 Farnham St, 04/09, 05/14, 06/11, 07/09, 08/13,
09/10, 10/08, 11/12, 12/10, 01/14/17, 02/11/17, 03/11/17
Change of Agent: Columbus Sentry Market, Mike Clark

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm on a motion by Thom second by Royem. Motion carried
voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk