

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

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday April 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 Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler, 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 Royem second by Rule to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

Public comments were made by residents along the 2016 Street & Utility Improvement project included objections to the S Charles St sidewalks and trees Annette Reno, Katherine Cullen, (provided a statement for the file), Mary Ellen Yarwood, Tom Cullen (provided a statement for the file), Susan Selje, Rose Croft, Austin Field. Jeff Campbell, Ruth Hermanson, and Julie Monroe with objections to the W Church St sidewalk, curb, gutter and driveway apron. Mayor Crombie asked for if anyone else wished to be heard, no one replied.

Mayor Crombie read the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion by Thom second by Rule to move Item 9, Street Closing Request of VFW Post #8090, Chris Roelke, Water St parking lot, multiple dates, to the next Committee of the Whole. Motion carried voice vote. Motion by Thom second by Rule to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried voice vote.

Melotte nominated Thom for Council President, second by Royem. Mayor Crombie asked for a unanimous ballot for Thom for Council President. Hearing no objection Crombie declared Thom Council President.

Motion by Thom second by Rule to approve Resolution 10-16, Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately \$4,110,000 Electric and Waterworks System Revenue Bonds. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

City Attorney Johnson provided clarity on the 2016 Street & Utility Improvements project that was approved at a council meeting March 14, 2016 which included the sidewalks on the southeast side of S Charles St included as Mandatory Alternate B. The Council can do nothing and the project proceeds as approved or the Council can approve a change order to modify the contract.

Motion by Rule second by Reid to authorize a Change Order to the Contract for the 2016 Street & Utility Improvement to strike mandatory Alternate B, sidewalks on the .

Vote on the motion tied 3-3 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid and Rule voting "Yes" and Royem, Thom and Traxler voting "No". Tie vote was broken with a "Yes" vote from Mayor Crombie for a final of 4 votes Yes and 3 votes No. Motion carried. The Council took a 10 minute break at 7:20 pm and reconvened at 7:33 pm.

Motion by Thom second by Royem to award the Crop Lease for 2016 for lots 2, 3, 4 & 5 in the City of Columbus. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Royem second by Melotte to grant operator licenses to Kathryn M Gallaway, Teresa Nelson, Michael T Peterson, Katie Raether, Donna E Lange and Cortnay L Santmyer. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Rule second by Thom to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$458,953.09. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Royem second by Rule to approve the Mayoral Appointments: liaisons & council to Boards, Committees, & Commissions: Council Liaisons – Non Voting Members Police & Fire Commission Rule, Library Board Reid, Historic Preservation Thom, School District Rule, Senior Citizen Advisory Royem, Recreation Advisory Rule, Hillside Cemetery Assoc. Royem, CAAC Advisory Thom, Cable Commission Reid, Community Development Authority Melotte and Thom, Greater Columbus Energy Commission Royem and Reid, Plan Commission Crombie and Traxler, Tourism Crombie and Traxler, Water & Light Crombie and Melotte; County Committees – Voting Members: Columbia County Comprehensive Plan Crombie, Municipal Court Committee Traxler, Alternate: Thom, Columbus Area EMS Crombie, Alternate: Vander Sanden, CCEDC Vander Sanden. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Thom second by Melotte to approve the 2016 fee levels for Columbus Summer Day Camp: Little Scamper Camp \$55 Resident, \$65 Non-Resident; Pee Wee Camp \$85 Resident \$95 Non-Resident; Youth Adventure Camp \$120 Resident \$130 Non-Resident; Drop in rate for non-craft days \$3, craft days \$5. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

City Administrator Vander Sanden reported Arbor Day will be Saturday April 30 with a Craft Fair and an E-Cycle pick-up at Firemans Park. CCEDC will have its annual dinner 05/02 6:00 pm and there will be a Columbus business coordination meeting on the 2017 W James St project Thursday April 21 at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Mayor Crombie welcomed newly elected Council member Andrew Traxler to the Council.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:41 pm on a motion by Thom 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 request from Duffy Grain for TIF #4 financing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:56 pm on a motion by Thom second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Royem second by Melotte to approve entering into an agreement with Duffy Fleet Services Inc. for TIF #4 financing. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

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Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 04/05/16                      Canvass for April 5, 2016 Election – 04/08/2016  
HLPC – 03/09/16                                      Recreation Advisory – 02/10/16  
Treasurer's Report – March 2016              Change of agent: VFW Post #8090, Chris Roelke  
Street Closing Request, American Legion Post #62, Jeff Krakow, Memorial Day Parade, May  
30, 2016 and Street Closing Request, Kiwanis, Amy Jo Meyers, N Dickason Blvd, May 7, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm pnm a motion by Thom second by Royem. Motion carried  
voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk