

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 – 8:05 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 8:05 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 Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Motion by Royem second by Rule to approve the agenda with Item 13 - Consider Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, City of Columbus, Columbia County, and Item 14 - Social Media policy, tabled to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, May 3, 2016. Hearing no objections, Thom announced the agenda approved.

Department reports were accepted as presented from the Fire Department and the Police Department.

City Administrator Vander Sanden reviewed the timetable to apply for a Planning Grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Vander Sanden recommended the city continue to work with Cindy Yaggi, the Library and city staff to prepare an application for the 2017 grant cycle.

Library Director Fesemyer and Peter Kaland of the Library Board asked the Council to consider funding a feasibility study to determine what the community can support, get detailed LMI figures, select a location and a partnership for a Community Center and then apply for the CDBG Planning Grant, estimated cost \$25-35,000. This item will return to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

The 2016 Sewer Rate Study was reviewed with Jodi Dobson of Baker Tilly. The report held several recommendations for rates. Discussion will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting 05/03/16.

The use of bond proceeds to cover the cost for the Middle School Storm Sewer project was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 3, 2016.

Task Order 2016-06 with Ruckert-Mielke for WWTP Filtration Building Electrical Upgrades was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 3, 2016.

The Resolution to Vacate Certain Portions of Newcomb Street and Spring Street, Located in the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin will be amended to exclude N Spring St. and referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 3, 2016.

Resolution 3-16, Resolution Designation Officials Authorized to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations for City of Columbus was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 3, 2016.

Resolution 9-16, Resolution Designation Officials Authorized to Declare Official Intent Under Reimbursement Bond Regulations for Sewer Utility was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 3, 2016.

Discussion on street project policies, procedures and timelines will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, May 3, 2016.

The working hours for 2016 street project will be 7:00 am to 7:00 pm beginning a week after notice is given. Vander Sanden will send out a notice to the residents along the project route.

Discussion on a fiber optic connection from City Hall to 1149 W James St (future Fire Station property) will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, May 3, 2016

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:49 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 the disposition of the remaining Hydro Street Brewing Company collateral. Motion carried 7-0 with Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:54 pm on a motion by Rule second by Royem. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm on a motion by Melotte second by Royem. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk