

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 – 7:16 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday May 3, 2016 at 7:16 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, Melotte, Royem and Rule, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Reid

Motion by Melotte second by Traxler to approve the agenda with Item 9, Consider and take action on TIF #4 Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Duffy Fleet Services Inc. tabled, and several items moved to accommodate guests. Hearing no objections, Chair Thom announced the agenda approved.

Matt Kenny, 151 N Birdsey St, asked the Council to consider the corner properties have a burden with the storm sewer assessment and other items and consider some leniency.

Chris Roelke presented an alternate plan for the street closing request of VFW Post #8090, stated they would not need the picnic tables and can store the barricades on site. Council members were not comfortable with the number of events scheduled. Roelke was reminded there could not be alcohol in the parking lot under the bar license.

The request of Michael Eisenga for the release of surplus funds held in escrow for the planting of trees in the Columbus Commerce Center development was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016.

The Report of the Engineer, "Preliminary Assessments for the 2016 Street & Utility Improvements" was discussed. The Council discussed some of the items such as angle parking and driveway aprons. Discussion will continue at a Council workshop. Vander Sanden will provide options for meeting dates.

The Meister Park concession stand roof project to replace the roof, soffit and façade was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016.

Utility Superintendent Anthon of the Columbus Water & Light Department presented the 2015 Annual Report on the Columbus Water & Electric Utilities. Anthon highlighted the 5 year sales and purchase data for both utilities and the process for setting utility rates. Anthon will send an electronic version of the report to the Council.

Fire Chief Koehn reported Columbus has qualified for a 2009 Chevy Eldorado crew cab vehicle from Enbridge Energy and asked the Council to accept this donation. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016.

The sale of surplus tools from Fire Department including an old Jaws of Life was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016. Any funds received will be divided between the City, the Rural Group and the Fire Department fund raising group.

The installation of the conduit for a fiber optic connection from City Hall to 1149 W James St when the lines for the street lights are installed in 2017 with the W James St project was

referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016.

City Administrator Vander Sanden presented information on a storm water issue in the area of TIF #4. There is a series of open ditch, culvert, open ditch, underground pipe eventually out falling into a wetland area heading to the Crawfish River.

The application for a "Class B" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license of MP's Town Tap, LLC, 158 N Ludington Street, Maria Peterson, Agent was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk