

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 – 7:40
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday May 18, 2016 at 7:40 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 Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Melotte.

Motion by Rule second by Traxler to approve the agenda with item 9, Consider TIF #4 Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Duffy Fleet Services Inc. and item 11, Consider request of Highland Ridge Addition 1, Phase 2 to convey storm water pond to the City tabled to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, June 7, 2016. Motion carried voice vote. There were on citizens comments on agenda items.

Department reports were accepted as presented from the Public Infrastructure Team Meeting and the Fire Department.

Dan LaHaye, Baker Tilly, presented information from the 2016 Sewer Rate Study and the recommendations for new rates for the city, the Elba Sanitary District and the Village of Fall River. The recommendations were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

A draft ordinance on fire inspections was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

Joe DeYoung, MSA, and Jerry Connery, At Home Again, presented the proposal from At Home Again for storm water management for the expansion on the At Home Again site. The plan proposes to develop a pond on the golf course to drain the area. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

Robert Proctor, attorney for Ottery, and Herb Ottery, Ottery Tank Wash facility, presented information on the proposed Wastewater Pretreatment Agreement with Ottery Trucking. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

Change Order #1 for 2016 Street & Utility Improvements Project, which is a net decrease to the contract, was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

A draft ordinance on sidewalk repair permits was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 7, 2016.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:33 pm on a motion by Traxler 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 the purchase of additional land adjacent to Columbus Public Library. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:54 pm on a motion by Rule second by Traxler. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:55 pm on a motion by Rule second by Royem per 19.85(1)(c) personnel to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically staffing at the Police Department. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Reid, Royem, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:39 pm on a motion by Royem second by Traxler. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm on a motion by Royem second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk