

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.
COLUMBUS CITY HALL – 2ND WARD ROOM**

The Columbus Common Council held a special Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday May 24, 2016 at 6:30 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, Finance Officer/Treasurer Manley, City Engineer Lietha, interested citizens and the media. Excused Melotte.

Motion by Royem second by Reid to approve the agenda as posted. Hearing no objections, Thom announced the agenda approved.

The Council reviewed possible policies for special assessments for construction projects. The Council decided to use the proposed schedule for repayment of special assessments and create an ordinance to put the schedule in the city ordinances.

City Attorney Johnson will prepare a draft of an ordinance for repayment of special assessments for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Council heard the next steps for the Council review of the report and actions of the Council to approve, disapprove or modify the report. City Attorney Johnson reminded the Council the report of the engineer was prepared based on Council Resolution 8-16 which directed the engineer to prepare the report to levy special assessments based on benefits conferred for the street replacement, utility improvements, installation of curb and gutter, driveway aprons, driveway sidewalks, storm water improvements, remove and replace existing sidewalks, new sidewalks, restoration and angle parking, and described the assessment districts.

City Engineer Lietha addressed questions relating to cost differences for storm sewers on the various assessment blocks.

City Engineer Lietha will prepare a draft of the final report with the following modifications for the Committee of the Whole June 7, 2016:

- Remove legal and engineering fees.
- Remove the sidewalks from the south side of Charles St.
- Assess the south side of Charles St 25% of the cost of the sidewalks on the north side of Charles St based on an equal assessment per lot on the south side of Charles St.
- Change the assessments for storm water sewers in the project to 50% to property owners.
- Change the assessment for storm water sewer for the corner lots at N Birdsey St and W Mill St to 50% of their frontage.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm on a motion by Thom second by Traxler. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue

City Clerk