

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016 – 7:37 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday June 7, 2016 at 7:37 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, Rule and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Alderperson Royem resigned effective June 1, 2016. Excused Thom.

Motion by Rule second by Traxler to approve the agenda with Item # 9, Consider draft of ordinance to set new sewer rates, tabled. Hearing no objections, Mayor Crombie announced the agenda approved. There were no Citizens Comments on agenda items.

Attorney Proctor presented information on the TIF #4 Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Duffy Fleet Services Inc. and stated the agreement closely resembles the recently approved agreement with Ottery Tank Wash on the lot north of the Duffy lot. The CSM and the CUP for Duffy Fleet Services were approved by the Council and the approval information will be included in the document. The TIF #4 Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Duffy Fleet Services Inc. was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

Attorney Proctor presented information on the drainage of the area of the 6 acre Duffy Fleet Services lot and the 600+ acres that feed into the drainage field. The improvements proposed to be installed in the Duffy project would solve the drainage problems by opening the drainage tile to a ditch at an estimated cost of \$170,000. Proctor proposed the costs be recovered through the pay as you go TIF District #4 and initially installed by Duffy and reimbursed as the development occurred. The addition of this item will be added to the TIF #4 Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Duffy Fleet Services Inc. and referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

Jim Hartung and Steve Black asked the Council to assume ownership of the storm water retention pond in Highland Ridge Addition 1, Phase 2. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The request of Columbus Softball Association to install batting cages 15 x 100 at Meister Park was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The Fifth Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Area EMS Group to extend the agreement for 5 years was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The draft Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2015 was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

City Engineer Lietha reviewed the draft of the final report of the assessments for 2016 street and utility improvements with the changes requested by the Council at the workshop discussion of the assessment roll. The changes to the preliminary report were: 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. Referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, June 21, 2016.

The request to adjust parking restrictions near Jensen Funeral Services on W. Prairie Street was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The request to restrict parking on the north side of N. Lewis Street was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

Consideration of the Autistic Child Traffic Safety Sign on N. Ludington Street referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The applications for alcohol license renewals for the licensing period 07/01/16-06/30/17 for Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses & "Class A" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The applications for Alcohol licenses for the license period 07/01/16-06/30/17 for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses & "Class B" Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The applications for Tobacco licenses for the licensing period 07/01/16 – 06/30/17 were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The repair of the surface of Tower Drive at Highview Lane using bond money was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

City Administrator Vander Sanden will gather information on the costs of a city wide space study, what such studies look at and what to include for the next Committee of the Whole meeting, June 21, 2016.

Dave Carlson reported on progress of the website and talked about the next options that will be available on the website. The Social Media policy will be reviewed by staff and will come back to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, June 21, 2016.

The purchase of a new heating unit for the Aquatic Center using undesignated funds, estimated cost of \$24-25,000, was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, June 21, 2016.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:44 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Rule 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 City Administrator Evaluation process. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:50 pm on a motion by Rule second by Melotte. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.