

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016 – 7:24 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday July 5, 2016 at 7:24 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 Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media.

Motion by Traxler second by Rule to approve the agenda as posted. Hearing no objections, Council President Thom announced the agenda approved.

Tom Cullen, 649 S. Charles, asked the Council for answers to his questions from the June 21 meeting and asked how the 25% ratio was arrived at for the sidewalk assessments for S. Charles St.

Reducing the amount of the storm water special assessment to property owners was discussed. A reduction to 15% will be considered and property owners receiving a direct benefit through an individual lateral to be assessed the full cost of the lateral connection, will be considered. Consideration of the final report of the assessments for 2016 street and utility improvements was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, July 19, 2016.

Thom requested some changes to the proposed social media policy to control employee access to sites through city email addresses, add the city administrator and an alternate as the gate keeper and to migrate the existing recreation page to the city site. The proposed social media policy with these changes was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, July 19, 2016.

City Administrator Vander Sanden will continue to gather information on a city building space needs/facility study and will contact a resource to come to speak to the Council on the process.

Council determined the 2016 Trick or Treating in Columbus will be Saturday October 29, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

The pedestrian cross walk has been repainted at the intersection of Park Avenue & Fairway Drive. Yellow markings will be added to the curb on the east side of Park Avenue north and south of Fairway Drive.

City Administrator Vander Sanden will invite the director of the Columbia County waste management program to speak to the Council in anticipation of the waste removal contract at the end of the year.

The request by Mr. Mike Eisenga for return of escrowed funds for completion of Phase 2 of Columbus Commerce Center was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, July 19, 2016.

The reimbursement of funds to the City for a portion of the 2016 16/60 Intersection project will be assessed through a special assessment district. Referred to City Attorney Johnson to prepare an initial resolution for the next regular meeting of the Council, July 19, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Hendrickson. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk