

**EMERGENCY MEETING
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS COMMON
COUNCIL AND THE COLUMBUS HLPC
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.
COLUMBUS CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Columbus Common Council and the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission (HLPC) held a special joint emergency meeting on Monday July 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Columbus City Hall.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Crombie and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Crombie, Council members Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Rule. Motion by Melotte second by Hendrickson to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

The HLPC meeting was called to order by Chair Fredericks and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Chair Fredericks, Altschwager, Hermanson, Salzwedel, Schirmacher and Ulrich. Excused Kurth. Motion by Ulrich second by Altschwager to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

City Administrator Vander Sanden updated the group on the Chapel Street water tower. General Engineering has inspected the structure and an adjustor from the City insurance carrier, EMC, will be inspecting it later this week. Vander Sanden introduced Kent Fish, General Engineering, who reviewed the General Engineering report and stated it appears the structure had been struck by lightning during the storm July 21, 2016. There is damage to a larger area of the bricks than what fell to the ground. 2 homes neighboring the structure have been evacuated. Fish stated he feels the structure is now unsafe and should be removed.

The group discussed repair versus tearing down the tower. Motion by Salzwedel second by Hermanson to get a third opinion of the structure at the expense of the HLPC. Motion carried voice vote. Vander Sanden will contact engineering companies for the inspection and arrange for an inspection to be done as soon as possible.

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on a motion by Melotte second by Thom. Motion carried voice vote.

The HLPC meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm on a motion by Altschwager second by Salzwedel. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk