

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL AND THE COLUMBUS HLPC
MONDAY, August 8, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.
COLUMBUS CITY HALL – 2nd WARD ROOM**

The Columbus Common Council and the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission (HLPC) held a special joint on Monday August 8, 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 Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Hendrickson and Melotte.

The HLPC meeting was called to order by Chair Fredericks and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Chair Fredericks, Altschwager, Hermanson, Kurth, Schirmacher and Ulrich. Excused Salzwedel.

Vander Sanden circulated the inspection report of the Chapel Street water tower from the insurance adjustor key points from a report Kurt Straus will be filing tomorrow with the City of the review he performed of the water tower last week. Straus was hired as the third opinion of the condition of the water tower.

Fredericks welcomed Dennis Buchda, Richards Insurance Agency, to explain the coverage of the water tower by the City. Buchda stated the insurance company has authorized \$68,000 to cover the cost of repair of the water tower due to the damage of the lightning strike. There would be \$50,000 to cover the cost of demolishing the water tower. If the City decides to demolish, the check already issued will be the extent of coverage. Maintenance of the tower would not be covered now or in the future.

Clark, PW Manager, received a proposal to remove the entire water tower. Clark has asked for a proposal to remove the tank and leave the brick tower.

HLPC members asked if information was available on the cost to repair and then annual maintenance costs for the tower, as well as the cost to save the tank and then to maintain the tank, either alone or on the tower.

Council members asked what needs to be done for the residents to return to their homes as soon as possible.

Tom Hermanson, Hermanson Concrete & Masonry, stated they could remove the loose bricks, and then let everyone return home. The unknown is exactly how much of the brick is loose. Hermanson considered the loose brick a hazard, and the rest of the tower safe. Bands could be placed on the tower, both the brick and the metal parts. They would remove the delaminated bricks and then get another visit from the adjustor.

For the HLPC - Motion by Schirmacher second by Altschwager to recommend to the Council to accept the estimate of Hermanson Concrete & Masonry to investigate and do some repair work on the water tower by removing the area of damaged masonry, investigate the extent of the damage and report back to the City. Hermanson (HLPC) abstained from the vote. Motion carried voice vote.

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For the Council – Motion by Traxler second by Reid to accept the recommendation of the HLPC to accept the estimate of Hermanson Concrete & Masonry LLC to investigate and do some repair work on the water tower by removing the area of damaged masonry, investigate the extent of the damage and report back to the City. Motion carried 4-0 with Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes'.

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion by Thom second by Traxler. Motion carried voice vote.

The HLPC meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion by Altschwager second by Schirmacher. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk