

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016 – 7:00 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday August 16, 2016 at 7:00 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 Hendrickson second by Rule to approve the agenda as posted. Hearing no objections, Council President Thom announced the agenda approved. There were no citizen comments on agenda items. The Department Report as submitted by the Fire Department was accepted.

The request of the Library Board for Mae Ward funds to cover the expense of the Root for Columbus project plants for Davies Park was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, September 6, 2016.

The request of Nick Raatz to install an Eagle Scout project of a bike repair stand in a city park, possibly Washington Park, was referred to the DPW to coordinate the location and the timing of the project. Acceptance of the gift was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, September 6, 2016.

The donation of fitness equipment to the Columbus Area Senior Center was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, September 6, 2016.

Jason Grueneberg participated via phone to discuss the process used by Wood County for a building space study of county buildings. Grueneberg described the ad hoc process used, the staff involvement and the company hired to prepare a plan. Their completed plan is available to the public and will be made available to the Council. This item will continue on the Committee of the Whole agenda.

City Engineer Lietha presented an overview of the Columbus Street Maintenance update for 2016. Lietha discussed the life cycle of a road, maintenance types to extend the life of a road, cost of the types of maintenance, future street maintenance needs and a recommended annual street maintenance budget number.

PW Manager Clark reviewed the bids received for the roof replacement, the quality of the materials proposed, the process proposed to be used and the nature of the restoration of the building roof with a national register designation. Clark will get additional information for the next Committee of the Whole meeting, September 6, 2016.

Revision #2 to the State Municipal Agreement (SMA) with the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the 2017 James St Project from Industrial Drive to River Road, was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, September 6, 2016.

The Council requested Vander Sanden prepare an RFP for the City's waste management program for both automated, curbside pickup, bulk services and types of materials recycled by

the vendor.  
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Thom circulated a sample Council Code of Conduct from a community in California for the Council to review. It has not been reviewed based on Wisconsin statutes and applies to council members and all committee, commission and board members.

City Attorney Johnson asked the council to consider 2 things - how far do you want the code to go (to cover just the Council or all boards, committees, commissions, employees?) and do you want a policy or an ordinance. Wisconsin Statute 19.59 gives the Council guidelines.

Mayor Crombie suggested an orientation for Council members as a start. Traxler suggested attending the League of Municipalities new elected officials workshops.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:50 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Rule per ss 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require specifically to consider use of TIF #4 financing for purchase of land, and to consider use of TIF #4 financing for distribution of utility services. Motion carried 6-1 with Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes' and Crombie voting 'No.' The meeting did not reconvene to open session.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk