

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 – 7:10 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 7:10 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 Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Hendrickson.

Motion by Rule second by Melotte 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 Reports from Lifestar, the Police Department and the Fire Department were accepted as submitted.

Bruce Zahn, President of the Columbus Country Club Board, asked the Council to consider renewing the lease between the City and the Columbus Country Club for another 20 year period. The Board would then borrow funds to do repairs to the buildings and grounds and purchase some equipment. City Attorney Johnson will draft an amendment to the agreement to grant an extension and provide annual reports during the first 2 years of the agreement for the next meeting.

Police Chief Meister presented a recommendation to change the parking restrictions in the area of the elementary and middle schools and amend the city ordinances to reflect the changes. Referred to the next committee of the whole meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

A recommendation to amend the city ordinances to allow for school buses to activate red lights while pulling away from school zone was referred to City Attorney Johnson to draft and then to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

Discussion of the Columbus Courtside Organization agreement was tabled to the next committee of the whole meeting, October 4, 2016.

The recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Board on pavilion rental increase was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016 with some changes to the non-profit rates.

Task Order 2016-08 with Ruckert Mielke for the Kiwanis Lift Station Upgrade was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

The recommendation for the purchase of stand- alone emergency generators for the Waste Water Treatment Facility was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

Resolution No. 17 – Public Power Week was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

Resolution No. 20 – Fire Prevention Week was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016. The Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday October 2, 2016 from 7:00 am - 12:30 pm at the Columbus Fire Station.

The repayment policy for special assessments will be modified in Section 5 and to include the criteria of what is assessable and referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

The budget line-item policy will be modified in Section 1.0 and 5.0 referring to the current adopted purchasing policy and referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

An ad hoc committee of 3 members of the Council, 3 residents with prior experience in government and the mayor to work on a Council Code of Conduct was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 4, 2016.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:06 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Melotte 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 purchase of land for economic development purposes. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:03 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Melotte. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 10:04 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 staffing as affected by recent FLSA changes. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Melotte, Reid, Rule, Thom and Traxler voting 'Yes.'

The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:23 pm on a motion by second by. Motion carried voice vote.rr rm

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Rule. Motion carried voice vote.