

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016 – 7:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday November 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm at Columbus City Hall. The 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, Rule and Traxler, City Attorney Johnson, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Council member Thom.

Motion by Hendrickson second by Rule to approve the agenda as posted. Hearing no objections, Mayor Crombie Council announced the agenda approved. There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

The application for a Wine Walk Picnic license for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce for Saturday November 26, 2016 was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016.

The application for a Class "C" Wine license and a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage license of Ian Michael Anderson, 112 E James St. was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016.

The request of Highland Ridge, Addition 1, Phase 2 to accept the improvements and outlot, and consider sidewalk ramps across Tower Drive and the reduction of the letter of credit as recommended by City Engineer Lietha was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016. Jim Hartung asked the City to cover the cost of the ADA ramp across the street from the outlet of Highview Lane onto Tower Drive. Council thought a 50/50 split on the cost of the ADA ramp was reasonable.

Advanced Disposal and Columbia County Solid Waste were present to provide information on proposals for waste collection system for 2017. Jason from Advanced Disposal stated the automated system is the way of the future with the recommendation recycling pickup every other week. Greg Kaminski from Columbia County Solid Waste also answered questions. City Attorney Johnson stated the Council will need to select a provider and then work out the details of contract. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016.

Police Chief Meister presented information on the use of temporary police staff for larger events with limited term employees, LTE. City Attorney Johnson will work with Chief Meister to prepare a policy. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016.

Chief Meister and City Administrator Vander Sanden presented information on the expense of repairs to police department vehicles and the impact on the department budget. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 15, 2016.

City Administrator Vander Sanden presented information on the need for the installation of utilities to the TIF #4 area and other properties along the way and ways the utility expansion could be funded. Vander Sanden asked Lietha to explain how an assessment district would work for the extensions.

City Attorney Johnson recommended the Council decide which option they want – the city installing the utilities and special assess the costs to the benefitted properties, or developer install the utilities at their cost. If the special assessment process is selected, decide will the assessments be immediate or deferred. If the assessment process is selected, decide what the assessment district is and direct the attorney and engineer to prepare the report of the assessment costs. Referred to the next committee of the whole for discussion.

The meeting convened to closed session at 8:51 pm on a motion by Hendrickson 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 TIF #4 funding request from Fromm development project. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with Crombie, Hendrickson, Melotte, Reid, Rule and Traxler voting “Yes”.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:12 pm on a motion by Melotte second by Hendrickson. Motion carried voice vote.

The meeting adourned at 10:13 pm on a motion by Traxler second by Hendrickson. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk