

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday March 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Link and notice of open meeting was noted as posted. Present: Mayor Link, Council members Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins and Sneath, City Administrator Kraemer, City Clerk Donahue, City Attorney Lueders, interested citizens and the media. Excused Walker.

Mayor Link led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Sneath second by Parpart to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried voice vote. No correspondences were available for the meeting. There were no comments of citizens present.

Mayor Link read the items on the Consent Agenda. No items were asked to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Bomkamp second by Bruns to approve the consent agenda as read. Motion carried voice vote

Motion by Bomkamp second by Bruns to accept the Wisconsin Department of Commerce Grant in the amount of \$159,200 for the Energy Conservation Project of street light replacement to LED lighting, contingent upon the City successfully negotiates a 3 week extension to the time line for signing the acceptance letter. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins and Sneath voting 'Yes'.

The Police Department presented their work plan for the year 2010, which will be incorporated into the City work plan. The Water & Light Department will be asked for a copy of their plan to be included, along with their 5 year capital improvement plan. Motion by Bomkamp second by Parpart to approve the proposed 2010 Work Plan as presented. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Bruns second by Bomkamp to confirm the recommendation of the selection committee to hire Ruckert Mielke to perform engineering services for the City of Columbus subject to entering into a contract between the City and Ruckert Mileke. Motion carried 5 – 0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins and Sneath voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Bruns second by Parpart to approve the MEUW Contract for safety programs in city buildings. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins, Sneath and voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Parpart second by Bruns to approve changes to the operation of the Recycling Center as proposed beginning in June 2010. Motion carried voice vote

Motion by Bruns second by Perkins to approve the request of Columbus Main Street to hold Farmer's Market at the West James Street parking lot. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Bomkamp second by Parpart to approve Resolution #8-10 "Resolution to Write Off Delinquent Personal Property Taxes". Motion carried 5 - 0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins and Sneath voting 'Yes'.

Ordinance #650-10 "Ordinance to Amend Sections of Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbus Floodplain Regulations" was read in its entirety by Clerk Donahue. Referred to the next regular Council meeting for adoption.

Motion by Bomkamp second by Sneath to approve the request of the Police Department to change the parking restrictions on E Harrison Street. Motion carried voice vote.

Motion by Parpart second by Sneath to pay claims for the month of March in the amount of \$2,777,888.39. Motion carried 5 - 0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Bruns, Parpart, Perkins and Sneath voting 'Yes'.

City Administrator Kraemer reported on his activities since the last meeting. Plans for the remodel of the Council chambers and the first floor will be available at the next committee of the whole meeting for Council review prior to the final draft printing and the ads run.

Mayor Link reported on his activities since the last Council meeting, including a trip to Washington DC as representative of the Columbus Electric Utility and the rally of 661 other representatives of municipal electric utilities. Link reported the CDA has been actively pursuing funding and preparing plans for the future of the economic development and energy sustainability in Columbus. The Plan Commission will be wrapping up the update of the Comprehensive plan and adoption will be on the agenda in the near future. Storm water management will be an area of planning for the Council. The Council liaison positions were encouraged to communicate concerns or compliments to the departments they represent.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 02/16/10, 02/23/10, 03/09/10
Greater Columbus Energy Task Force – 01/20/10
HLPC – 02/10/10
Library Board – 01/19/10
Room Tax ad hoc Committee – 02/25/10
Treasurer's Report – January, February 2010
Operator Licenses: Gary A Marks
Street Closing Requests: Columbus Lions Club, 100 block N Dickason Blvd,
May 5 (Red Bud Days), July 31 (Maxwell Street Days), October 9 (Harvest Days)

CAAC – 01/18/10
CDA – 01/18/10
Investment Board – 02/16/10
Plan Commission – 01/21/10
Recreation – 02/10/10
Senior Center – 02/04/10

There being no further business for the Council the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on a motion by Bruns second by Parpart. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk