

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010 – 6:30 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council met as a committee of the whole on Tuesday May 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Columbus City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Perkins and notice of open meeting was noted as posted.

Present: Mayor Link, Council members Bomkamp, Bruns, Perkins, Schumann, Sneath and Walker, City Attorney Lueders, City Administrator Kraemer, Clerk Donahue, City Treasurer Green, Police Chief Meister, PW Dir. Jensen, ED/ES Sobiek, Fire Chief Koehn, Rec. Dir Sommerholder, interested citizens and the media.

Council President Perkins led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Sneath second by Bruns to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried voice vote.

Brook Andler, 1015 Park Ave., asked the Council to change the rental agreement for the pavilion to restrict loud noise after midnight. City Attorney Lueders will work with the Recreation Advisory Committee to consider a recommendation to change the ordinance

Tom Maier, 266 N Spring St, asked the Council why the change to the recycling policy in the city and asked the City to reconsider. PW Dir Jensen stated they want to use the building for other things and recyclables are picked up at the curb. Jensen added this way it is easier to control the burn pile.

Department reports were accepted as presented by: ED/ES Dir Sobiek; DPW Jensen; Fire Chief Koehn, Rec. Dir. Sommerholder; and Police Chief Meister.

Sobiek presented information on the Whole Wisconsin Energy Efficiency (WWE 2) Program that the State of Wisconsin Office on Energy Independence is offering to the 21 energy independency grant communities and asking them to indicate in a letter of support for the program. The letter would be part of the submittal to the federal program to show state support and interest in the program. The Council indicated they were comfortable with Mayor Link sending a letter to the state indicating support of the program.

John Andres, Baker Tilly, reviewed with the Council the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Fall River and the City of Columbus for the regionalization of the sanitary sewer system. The agreement has been developed over the last many months and has included the attorneys, engineers, auditors, financial advisors and staff from both Columbus and Fall River. Andres summarized the agreement and the connection charge, debt service payments and user charge. Referred to the next regular Council meeting, May 18, 2010.

Kraemer thanked staff from both Fall River and Columbus who spent many hours to develop an agreement beneficial to both communities.

Jason Jackson, General Engineering, presented a recommendation on the bids for the City Hall remodeling to award to the low bidder, Advanced Building Corporation in the amount of \$230,145 for Contract 1 and Alternate A and Alternate B. Jackson discussed the costs and the elements of the project and answered questions from the Council. Funding for the project was reviewed with Kraemer. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2010.

The request of the DPW to solicit proposals for solid waste collection and recycling, for the same methods we have now and asking for alternates proposed by the vendors was approved. Jensen will present the results to the Council after proposals are received.

An engineering proposal with Ayres & Associates for the West Side Business Park LOMAR Floodplain Report was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2010.

The Architectural and Engineering Services contract with General Engineering for repairs and improvements to the Kiwanis restrooms was discussed in detail. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2010.

Mayor Link asked for a discussion of the current ordinance on residential garbage collection. Some alderpersons have received feedback from residents that clear plastic bags are not popular for garbage. Mayor Link spoke in favor of the clear bags to assist in the vendor complying with our garbage pickup contract. The vendor has reported to him the complaints have died down and residents are complying with the ordinance. Columbus is a recycling and energy leader and should continue to use clear bags.

The claims for the month of May were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, May 18, 2010. Questions on specific claims can be referred to city staff.

There being no further business for the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm on a motion by Bruns second by Walker. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue  
City Clerk