

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council met as a committee of the whole on Tuesday October 12, 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 Bruns, Perkins and Schumann, City Administrator Kraemer, City Clerk Donahue, City Treasurer Green, interested citizens and the media. Excused: Bomkamp, Sneath and Walker. Council President Perkins led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Bruns second by Link to approve the agenda. Motion carried voice vote.

Citizen comments included: Lyn Benavides, 242 S. Dickason Blvd, to speak to her application to keep chickens at her home, and Henry Elling, President of the CDA, to invite the Council to meet in a joint meeting on Monday October 18, 2010 to talk about the business park, the downtown and the long term plans for the area. The meeting will be held in the Council chambers and begin at 6:15 pm.

Department Reports were accepted as submitted by: ED/ES Dir. Sobiek, Public Works Dept.; Fire Dept.; Library Board; Police Dept.; Recreation Dept.; and Senior Center.

John Andres, Baker Tilly, presented the rate study for the sanitary sewer utility and the news that the recommendation from Baker Tilly is there is no need for a rate increase for the next two years. Approval of the report was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 19, 2010.

The proposal for Snow Removal Services November 2010 through November 2011 was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 19, 2010.

The request for a permit to keep animals & construct or use shelters of Lyn and Ron Benevides at 242 S. Dickason Blvd was referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, October 26, 2010 for further discussion. Further information will be requested. The City Attorney and the Police Dept. will be asked to provide copies of correspondence on the matter.

Police Chief Meister presented the proposed 2011 budget for Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court (EECJMC). Columbus has asked the court for \$200/month for housing the court offices in a city building. The court committee has indicated they are not willing to do so. The court committee has asked Columbus City Administrator Kraemer to attend the next meeting to clarify the city's offer before they finalize the budget. Kraemer will inform the committee if the court is not willing to pay toward the utilities, the city would expect the court to vacate the offices in city hall January 1, 2011.

Change Order #1 on the contract for the rebuilding of the tennis courts in the amount of \$2,208.00 and an extension of 10 days to the contract was reviewed by City Engineer Lietha. The change to the type of asphalt, a change to the gates and removal and reinstallation of posts are covered in the change order. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 19, 2010.

The request from the Fire Department to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera was referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 19, 2010.

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The Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook was referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting, October 26, 2010.

City Administrator Kraemer presented the 2011 Preliminary Budget for the General Fund. Discussion of the preliminary budget will appear on Council and Committee of the Whole meetings until mid-November, when it is expected the budget will be adopted.

City Administrator Kraemer announced the city will hold an Open House at City Hall Tuesday October 26, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm to showcase the recently completed remodeling of the Council chamber and city administrative offices.

The claims for the month of October were referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, October 19, 2010. Questions on specific claims can be referred to city staff.

There being no further business for the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm on a motion by Bruns second by Schumann. Motion carried voice vote.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk