

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

The Columbus Common Council held a regular meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday November 1, 2010 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, Perkins, Schumann and Walker, City Attorney Lueders, City Administrator Kraemer, City Clerk Donahue, interested citizens and the media. Excused Bruns, Sneath.

Mayor Link led the Council in the pledge of allegiance. Motion by Bomkamp second by Schumann to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried voice vote.

Fire Officer Sue Carl, Columbus Fire Department, requested the Council consider the request of the Fire Department for new Class A dress uniforms for the members of the Fire Department at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

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

Motion by Bomkamp second by Walker to approve Resolution #21-10 "Final Resolution Regarding Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue Bond Financing for At Home Again Columbus, LLC". Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Perkins, Schumann and Walker voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Schumann second by Walker to approve Resolution #22-10 "Resolution Authorizing Delinquent Special Charges Be Placed on the Tax Roll". Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Bomkamp second by Walker to approve Resolution #23-10 "Resolution to Write-Off Delinquent Personal Property Taxes". Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Bomkamp second by Walker to approve the easement for the At Home Again Columbus LLC storm sewer, and the easement for the pedestrian bike path at the rear of the At Home Again Columbus property. Bomkamp requested the bike path be kept open in the winter by the City continuing to plow the path. City Attorney Lueders stated the path has been plowed and maintained by the City, and the easement provides for this to continue. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Perkins, Schumann and Walker voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Bomkamp second by Schumann to deny the request of Lyn and Ron Benavides to keep chickens in the City in a structure on their property. Schumann asked what the timeframe would be to have the chickens removed from the property. Lueders will write to the property owners and if there is no voluntary compliance, citations will be issued. Motion carried on a voice vote. Referred to the City Attorney.

Ordinance 654-10 "An Ordinance Requiring Structures to Have a Key Lock Box Installed on the Exterior of the Structure for Fire Safety Purpose" was introduced and read in its entirety by City Clerk Donahue. City Attorney Lueders stated the sections of the code should be added before the final reading. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 16, 2010.

Ordinance #655-10 "Amendment to Section 82-38 Prohibited Activities and Noncollectible Materials" was read in its entirety by City Clerk Donahue. Referred to the next regular meeting of the Council, November 16, 2010.

Motion by Walker second by Bomkamp to approve the purchase of Fire Department turn-out gear using the Globe manufacturer in the amount of \$11,095.58 plus the cost of adding the members name to the jackets, and the purchase of fire hose from Jefferson Fire & Safety within the limits of the 2010 budget. Motion by Walker second by Bomkamp to amend the motion to read "not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase of turn out gear and hoses, shipping and lettering on the jackets included." Vote on the amendment carried voice vote. The amended motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Perkins, Schumann and Walker voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Walker second by Bomkamp to authorize the Fire Chief to use Globe equipment for the next five years for the purchase of turnout gear. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote with Bomkamp, Perkins, Schumann and Walker voting 'Yes'.

Motion by Perkins second by Schumann to approve the Eastern Columbia Joint Municipal Court 2011 Budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote voice vote.

Motion by Walker second by Perkins to approve the renewal of health, dental and vision Insurance for 2011 as presented, and authorize signing the contract renewals. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote voice vote with Bomkamp, Perkins, Schumann and Walker voting 'Yes'.

City Administrator Kraemer reported on his activities since the last Council meeting and announced the demolition work on the Kiwanis rest rooms is complete, visitor parking by the train depot will be marked, and social media is being investigated by city staff.

Mayor Link announced he met with the CAAC board on winterizing the pool and attended a meeting of the Rural Fire Group.

Items placed on file through the Consent Agenda:

Council Minutes – 10/19/10, 10/26/10 CDA – 09/20/10 Library – 09/21/10
Operator Licenses: Tressan L Firkus, Kayla J Sharpee

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion by Perkins second by Walker. The Common Council then convened to a Budget workshop to discuss the 2011 Proposed Budget with City Departments.

The budget workshop adjourned on a motion by Bomkamp second by Walker at 8:52 pm.

Anne Donahue
City Clerk