

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 – 6:30 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** Called to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Thom, Alders Gray, Johnson, Reid, Theilen, Traxler; Interim City Administrator Berner, City Attorney Johnson, City Clerk Goebel, interested citizens and the media. Excused: Ryan
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Johnson, second by Theilen to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 2/17/20, Council/School Board Joint Meeting – 2/6/20, Picnic License: St. Jerome's Congregation, 1550 Farnham St – Bingo, 4/11/20, 5/9/20, 6/13/20, 7/11/20, 8/8/20, 9/12/20, 10/10/20, 11/14/20, 12/12/20, 1/9/21, 2/13/21, 3/13/21, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/19 – 06/30/21

**Old Business**

1. **Consider & take action on the United Liquid Waste & Recycling Inc contract without the hold harmless clause:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve the contract without the hold harmless clause. Roll call vote unanimous.

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action on Water Quality Draft Agreements with Rhodes Bake-N-Serv, Stibb Farms, Wisconsin Conference:** Motion by Gray, second by Theilen to approve the contracts acknowledging some changes may occur and allow staff to review and Mayor and the Clerk to sign. Roll call vote unanimous.
2. **Consider & take action on Resolution for WDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve Resolution #5-20 for the WDOT Tap Grant Application. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on application process for use of Mae Ward Fund:** Motion by Reid, second by Traxler to approve the application process for the Mae Ward Fund. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action on Plan Commission Recommendation to approve the Condominium Plat of Condominium on the Green II Addendum Number 1:** Motion by Johnson, second by Gray to approve the condominium plat of Condominium on the Green II Addendum #1. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on RFP to contract for lawn mowing services for 2020:** Motion by Johnson, second by Traxler to approve the RFP for lawn mowing services for 2020 and to lower the required insurance coverage by half. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on Weed, Grass, Shrubbery Removal Fee Schedule:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve the Weed, Grass, Shrubbery removal fee schedule. Carried voice vote with Reid voting No.
7. **Consider & take action on Fireman's Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Creek storm water project:** Motion by Traxler, second by Reid to approve Fireman's Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Creek project. Roll call vote unanimous.
8. **Consider & take action on purchase of Street Sweeper for DPW:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to approve the purchase of Global M3 Street Sweeper for DPW in the amount of \$149,750.00. Roll call vote unanimous.

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9. **Consider & take action on purchase of radios for Police Department:** Motion by Traxler, second by Reid to approve the purchase of new radios for the Police Department in the amount of \$56,275.57. Roll call vote unanimous.
  10. **Consider & take action on Resolution to include Library as additional site for absentee voting for April 7, 2020 Spring Election:** Motion by Reid, second by Gray to approve the additional absentee site at the Columbus Library for the April 2020 Election. Carried voice vote.
  11. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 2,356,561.21:** Motion by Theilen, second by Traxler to approve claims. Roll call vote unanimous.
  12. **Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** HR Administrator Pamela Fredrick started February 24; LRIP Grant expected to be awarded March 20; utility team meeting March 5; Public Hearing on Hibbard Street special assessments is March 10 at 6:30 pm **Mayor:** next Council meeting March 16 due to the Agri-Business dinner; Columbus School District will hold informational meetings about the referendum on Tuesday March 10 at Columbus High School & Thursday, March 26 at Columbus Elementary School; attended the APPA Legislative Rally in Washington DC last week; Meet & Greet of 5 finalists for City Administrator position on 2/28 & interviews on 2/29. Thank you to Patti Walker & Dave Maylone for giving tours to the candidates and to staff and council for participating in the process.
  13. **Move to adjourn to closed session pursuant to State Statues 19.85 (1) ( c ) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; to review the City Administrator/Treasurer employment agreement recommended by the Committee of the Whole:** Motion by Traxler, second by Johnson to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote unanimous.
  14. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Traxler, second by Gray to reconvene to open session at 8:32 pm. Carried voice vote.
  15. **Motion to appoint the City Administrator/Treasurer and approve the employment agreement:** Motion by Johnson, second by Traxler to approve the appointment of Kyle Ellefson as City Administrator/Treasurer subject to background check and final employment agreement. Roll call vote unanimous.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Traxler, second by Theilen to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk