

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 – 6:35 PM

1. **Roll Call:** Council President Gray called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. Present: Council President Gray, Mayor Arnold, Alders: Albright, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Ellefson, Goebel, Weiner, Atty Johnson, Meyers, City Eng Lietha, Larson, Bledsoe; interested citizens.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Arnold to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
4. **Citizen Comments:** Chief Weiner reported the body cameras will be live April 13; National Drug Take Back day will be April 22 at Prairie Ridge Hospital – drive thru service available.
5. **Committee / Commission Minutes:** Placed on file: Beautification 1/23/23, 2/13/23 CUC 2/23/23 Library 1/17/23 Senior Center 1/5/23, 2/2/23 Tourism 2/6/23
6. **Consider Task Order #2023-02 2023 Street Maintenance, WISLR rating updates:** City Engineer Lietha presented a Task Order to cover WISLR rating updates. Forward to April 18 Regular meeting.
7. **Consider Street Closing Request – Chamber of Commerce Red Bud Days – May 20, 2023:** Request for street closing for Red Bud Days on May 20. Request entire Dickason Blvd be closed from 7 am – 7 pm. Forward to April 18 Regular meeting.
8. **Review the request of the City of Columbus for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the replacement and upgrade of the sanitary sewer lift station at Meister Park:** Requesting a CUP for the replacement and upgrade of the sanitary sewer lift station at Meister Park, moving it out of the floodway. Forward to April 18 Regular meeting.
9. **Review the request of DPW to pay invoice in the amount of \$18,648.85 for DPW sweeper:** The machine had not been serviced correctly and was towed to Casper's Truck & Equipment with instructions from former DPW Director to fix the sweeper. Did not receive a quote but did receive an invoice for the repairs. Forward to April 18 Regular meeting.
10. **Discuss CHLPC Ordinance Draft and Request:** Draft ordinance was presented. Return to April 18 COW for further discussion.
11. **Discuss Resolution for designated account for Auditorium:** Discussion regarding the designated account for auditorium. Some members of Council uncomfortable with the responsibility of the monies raised. Return to May 2 COW for continued discussion.
12. **Discuss Field Services Director position:** The Columbus Utility Commission has been recruiting for a Utility Director for several months and have not been successful. The City has a Public Works Director vacancy and with both positions open, it would be a good time to review positions descriptions. The Utility Commission has discussed the potential to look at a type of joint position to oversee all utility & public works operations. Return to April 18 COW, and to Utility Commission April 20.
13. **Stormwater Project Discussion:** Discussion to prioritize stormwater projects, discuss funding options, draft a capital plan. Consensus to focus on James Street box culvert.
14. **Convene to closed session per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss potential developments in the City of Columbus, specifically 146/154 N Dickason Blvd Buildings.** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to convene to closed session at 8:28 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
15. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Steiner, second by Roelke to reconvene to open session at 9:13 pm. Carried voice vote.
16. **Convene to closed session per § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically City Administrator review:** Motion by Roelke, second by Steiner to convene to closed session at 9:13 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.

- 17. Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to reconvene to open session at 9:55 pm. Carried voice vote.
- 18. Adjourn:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk