

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 – FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call :** Present were: Council President Traxler, Alders Johnson, Reid, Ryan, Theilen, Thom; City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Attorney Johnson, City Clerk Goebel, interested citizens and the media.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Johnson, second by Reid to approve agenda as modified. Carried voice vote. Request to move item #s 15 & 16 to after #9.
4. **Citizens Comments on agenda items:** None.
5. **Department Reports: Police Report –** March 2019, Fire Dept Report – March 2019, Senior Center – March 2019
6. **Committee Minutes:** Recreation Advisory – 03/11/19, Senior Center Advisory – 03/17/19, CWL – 03/14/19
7. **Review and consider a Task Order from Ruekert-Mielke to study the sanitary sewer on Farnham St for the 2022 Hwy 89 project:** DOT will enlarge culverts and will be deeper to assist in water flow; if there is sanitary sewer there, it will have to be relocated at our cost; several options to re-route sewer or add lift stations. DOT will need 90% plans this fall. Return to May 7 Committee of the Whole.
8. **Review and consider a County Aid road project for 2019:** County Road Aids for 2019. Review lists of streets and submit participation. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
9. **Review and discuss Street Maintenance plans and projects for 2019:** review funding for alternate streets and as many as possible. Will get bids out for projects.
10. **Consider proposal by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce to hold a Farmer’s Market at the City Hall Parking Lot:** Request to hold Farmer's Market in City Hall parking lot Wednesdays. Request layout of request, and agreement between vendors and Chamber. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
11. **Consider and review acceptance of bid and purchase of a Fire Truck for the Columbus Fire Department:** Expense approved in the 2018 Budget. City and Rural Group sharing the cost. Cost to City is \$290443 and amount budgeted is \$300,000. Would need approval prior to April 26 to place order and receive discounts. Forward to Special Meeting April 20.
12. **Review and discuss Ordinance to Repeal Sections 42-1 and 42-96 of the City Code of Ordinances and to Recreate Section 42-1 Concerning Fire Prevention and Protection:** Current code does not approve changes to State, Federal, or International codes. Updates would cover all changes that take place at these levels. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
13. **Review and consider a monetary donation to assist in the purchase of banners for the downtown light poles:** Monetary donation considered for the purchase of banners for the downtown. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
14. **Review and consider a donation of brackets to be affixed to the downtown light poles to hold hanging baskets:** Donation of brackets for the downtown light poles for hanging baskets. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
15. **Review and discuss interest in the placement of bump-outs at Hwys 89 & 73:** State will pay for the bump-outs if City wants them. Would prevent vehicles from passing on the right. It would not intrude on bike lanes. Return to May 7 Committee of Whole.

16. **Review and consider the Transportation Plat Cover Page for the Hwy 89 project:** Authorizes DOT to get temporary easements for the Hwy 89 project. Forward to May 7 Regular meeting.
17. **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 TID Activity:**
Motion by Ryan, second by Thom to convene to closed session at 9:28 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
Motion by Thom, second by Ryan to reconvene to open session at 10:16 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
18. **Adjourn:** Motion by Thom, second by Reid to adjourn at 10:16 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by: Pat Goebel, City Clerk