

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Council President Gray, Alders: Finkler, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Ellefson, Goebel, Atty Johnson, CE Lietha, Weiner, Hazeltine, Meyers, interested citizens.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Finkler to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
4. **Citizen Comments:** Police Chief Weiner reminded the Council of the drug take-back program April 22 at Prairie Ridge Hospital from 9:00-11:00; there is also a secure drop box at the Police Dept for drug drop off. Chief Weiner also mentioned he and two Lt's attended the funeral for officers killed in the line of duty in Camden. Fire Chief Hazeltine reminded all of the pancake breakfast this Sunday; asked the council to consider a full-time fire chief; asked for a heads-up when city property is sold.
5. **Department Reports:** Placed on file: DPW, Fire, Library, Police, Treasurer, WWTP
6. **Discuss MOU for CBO & CSA sponsor banners:** Recreation Director Meyers asked for permission to hang banners as a fund-raiser for lights at Meister Park. Requested City Attorney draft an MOU for the CBO and CSA to be responsible for hanging and removing banners before and after the season. Forward to May 2 Regular meeting.
7. **Discuss Task Order for Cardinal Drive Cul De Sac:** Owner of property on Cardinal Dr requested City's help to determine the right-of-way around the cul de sac. Table for further information.
8. **Discuss CHLPC Summer Concert Series:** CHLPC requests permission to host Summer Concert Series in Fireman's Park on Wednesday June 14, July 12, August 9. Forward to May 2 Regular meeting.
9. **Discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July Street Closing Request – July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:** Forward to May 2 Regular meeting.
10. **Discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July Agreement:** Several changes to the rental agreement: remove responsibility from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee between midnight-6:00am; reimburse half the expenses if the City cancels the entire event; deposit paid when contract turned in and rent paid 60 days prior to event to be consistent with other rentals. Consensus to remove responsibility between midnight-6:00 am if the Committee locks all buildings, pays deposit and rent according to other contracts; Forward to May 2 Regular meeting.
11. **Discuss Field Services Director position:** Consensus to name the position Municipal Services Director. Forward to May 2 Regular meeting.
12. **Discuss CHLPC Ordinance:** Table to May 2 COW or special meeting.
13. **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 (Closed Session – Potential Developments 156/146 Dickason Blvd) :** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to convene to closed session at 9:16 pm. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to reconvene to open session at 10:09 pm. Carried voice vote.
14. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to adjourn at 10:09 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk