

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 – FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Council President Traxler, Alders Johnson, Reid, Ryan, Theilen, City Administrator Vander Sanden, City Attorney Johnson, City Clerk Goebel, interested citizens and the media. Thom excused.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Johnson, second by Ryan to approve. Carried voice vote.
4. **Citizens Comments on agenda items:** None
5. **Department Reports:** DPW – March 2019, Library – March 2019
6. **Committee Minutes:** Tourism – 03/27/19, Plan Commission – 02/21/19, HLPC – 04/11/19
7. **Review and consider flood abatement projects as a result of the 2019 spring flooding:** Damage to culverts in Kiwanis and Fireman's Park. Cost for repairing the culverts: State Aid \$15,961.33 and City's share is \$8252.17. City would like to use contingency funds to cover the City's portion for the repairs. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
8. **Discuss Water Quality Trading proposal with the Town of Beloit:** Town of Beloit would like to enter into an agreement to purchase 1100 lbs of phosphorus per year for 20 years at a rate of \$55/lb. Negotiations would begin in a few weeks and structure the agreement to revisit every 5 years and include an "inflation rate". Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
9. **Discuss Updated Water Quality Trading/Conservation Practices with WI Academy:** Continued discussions for an agreement to help remedy the amount of phosphorus draining into the river.
10. **Review and discuss a Task Order – to replace the Influent Screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Current screen was purchased in 2008 and it was 3 years old at that time, now nearing end of its life. Cost is approximately \$1.2 million with most of the construction and cost happening in 2020; most of the money is budgeted, will have to borrow the rest. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
11. **Review and consider Task Order from Ruekert Mielke to study the sanitary sewer on Farnham St for the 2022 Hwy 89 project:** The cost of relocating the Sanitary Sewer on Farnham Street was unknown until the DOT started the plans, and the cost will be entirely on the City to pay for. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
12. **Consider designation of a ADA parking space on W. James Street:** No concerns from staff, feel it is beneficial. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
13. **Review and consider an updated Job Description for a Lieutenant's Position with the Police Department:** Position was vacated when Dennis Weiner was promoted to Chief. Updated the job description language and duties which were very outdated. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
14. **Review request to place No Parking on the first block of N. Spring Street near Meister Park:** Resident living on Spring St requested no parking on street in the first block. Very crowded when games are taking place at park. Council concerns of where would cars park. Are their parking lines painted on parking lot. More discussion needed. Return to Committee of Whole after further research.
15. **Review & discuss interest in the placement of bump-outs at Hwys 89 & 73:** Bump-out would be 4 feet from curb, will be a rolling bump-out for trucks and hope to prevent passing on the right. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
16. **Consider Donation of baskets from Liz Davis and CDDC for Downtown Beautification project:** Liz Davis and CDDC would like to donate the hanging baskets for light poles in the downtown. Forward to May 21 Regular meeting.
17. **Downtown Beautification Task Force Update – watering flowering baskets:** Request DPW help with watering the flowering baskets throughout the summer. CWL has offered their bucket truck to install the baskets.
18. **Discuss Process for filling District 1 Alderperson vacancy:** Request qualified applicants submit letter of interest to the City Clerk. Deadline is May 17, 2019 at Noon. All applicants would be invited to introduce themselves at the May 21 meeting.
19. **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 #3 Activity and development:** Motion by Ryan, second by Theilen to convene to closed session at 9:23 pm. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion by Theilen, second by Ryan to reconvene to open session at 9:53 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
20. **Adjourn:** Motion by Theilen, second by Johnson to adjourn at 9:54 pm.

Submitted by: Pat Goebel, City Clerk