

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Council President Roelke, Alders: Finkler, Motiff, Reid, Gray, Steiner; Staff: Ellefson, Goebel, Atty Johnson, CE Lietha, Hazeltine, Meyers, Larson, Christensen, 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:** Paula Steiner presented fundraising idea for the Beautification committee.
5. **Department Reports:** Placed on file: DPW, Fire, Library, Police, Treasurer, WWTP
6. **Discuss parking request from property owner of 300 N. Dickason Blvd:** Property owner requesting more parking stalls, including 1 handicap stall in front of property. Concerns regarding truck traffic, safety concerns. Table for further information.
7. **CHLPC Ordinance Discussion:** CHLPC presented a proposed a red-lined version of the historic preservation ordinance written with the help of Jason Tish from the State Historic Preservation Office. Alder Motiff voiced concerns allowing non-residents on commission, and this ordinance should have started with the Plan Commission. Gray states it is common to have non-citizens on commissions. City Administrator voiced issues regarding zoning/planning codes and members on these boards are residents. Motiff has concerns regarding property owner's rights with the historic designation. Tish stated the ordinance needs specific standards to participate in the CLG program. Henry Elling spoke stating ordinance is regulatory and procedures would keep residents notified. The City Council would have the final say on the designation. Forward to Ordinance Ad-hoc committee to be reviewed by Council in 2 months.
8. **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 152-160 N. Dickason Blvd Buildings:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to convene to closed session at 8:27 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
9. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to reconvene to open session at 8:46 pm. Carried voice vote.
10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Michelle Christensen, Deputy Clerk