

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Council President Roelke called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm. Present: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Motiff, Reid, Swartz, Goebel, City Attorney Johnson; City Engineer Lietha, Hazeltine, Larson. Steiner excused.
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:** None.
5. **Committee / Commission minutes:** Place on file: CUC 6/15/23, 6/22/23, 7/10/23, PFC 7/13/23, Plan Commission 3/29/23, 5/11/23, Tourism 5/1/23, 6/5/23
6. **Discuss Planning/Zoning Interim Services – VandeWalle & Associates:** Forward to 8/22 Regular meeting.
7. **Discuss updated alcohol license application – Cardinal Lanes:** Forward to 8/22 Regular meeting.
8. **Discuss CHLPC request to have a Facebook page:** Discussion who will be the custodian of records, and not the City Clerk. Have members of the commission attend next meeting to answer questions. Forward to 8/22 Regular meeting.
9. **Discussion on Fire Dept pickup truck:** Monies to come from 2024 budget. Council requested a estimated total for the entire vehicle, including outfitting it. Forward to 8/22 Regular meeting.
10. **Discussion on Code of Conduct:** Reminder to all to be civil and respectful of everyone's opinion, even if it differs from your own. Also discussed personal social media sites are your own. Finkler opposes being forced to use a disclaimer on every post she shares. Reid suggested a change to Section 4H to say a disclaimer is required when view and opinions are given. After some discussion, Roelke confirmed the change suggested in Section 4H: A disclaimer is required when views and opinions are given. Forward to 8/22 Regular meeting.
11. **Discuss 2024 Budget Goals:** The developer's agreement with Enerpac has ended and will not need funding (\$195,000); shared revenue is approximately \$200,000; urges Council to review wages to be more competitive. Motiff agreed to bring wages to minimum wage pay. Schedule a Public Information Meeting September 19 at 6:00 pm.
12. **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 developer's agreement for 1400 Park Ave:** Motion by Motiff, second by Hammer to convene to closed session at 7:37 pm. Roll call vote unanimous.
13. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to reconvene to session at 8:00 pm. Carried voice vote.
14. **Adjourn:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk