

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** Council President Roelke called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Present: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Wilson, Goebel, Atty Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Larson, Lang, Meyers, Wakeman, Weiner, Hazeltine, Weber; interested citizens.
2. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
4. **Citizen Comments:**
 - Henry Elling, 650 S Charles St thanked the Council for funding CHLPC & requested monies be set aside for the Water Tower fund.
 - Lisa Famularo requested permission to apply for a license for a local FM radio station.
5. **Committee / Commission minutes:** Placed on file: Beautification 8/16/23, Cable 5/4/23, 6/7/23, 7/24/23, Recreation 6/12/23, Tourism 8/7/23, Utilities 8/24/23
6. **Discuss Ruckert Mielke Pay Request #1 – 2023 Street Maintenance:** Forward to 10/17 Regular meeting.
7. **Presentation on the Draft 2024 City of Columbus Budget:** Departments gave an overview of 2023 high-lights and requests for 2024. Overall Budget Information: City Treasurer Larson summarized the entire budget and briefly described changes made for easier understanding. Gray requested discussion to include monies for stormwater projects. Larson reminded the Council they would do a recap at the work session on October 10.
8. **Discuss Dodge County 911 Joint Powers Agreement:** Forward to 10/17 Regular meeting.
9. **Discuss LPFM application from Cable Commission:** Forward to 10/17 Regular meeting.
10. **Discuss Chris Swartz's (PAA) recommendations:** Tabled for further discussion
11. **Discuss Community & Economic Development Director job description:** Forward to 10/17 Regular meeting.
12. **Discuss wages for specific City positions:** Forward to 10/17 Regular meeting. CA Wilson stated there is more discussion needed for overall wage and job description review.
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 sale of 1400 Park Avenue in the City of Columbus:** Motion by Motiff, second by Finkler to convene to closed session. Roll call vote unanimous.
14. **Reconvene to open session:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to reconvene to open session.
15. **Adjourn:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Pat Goebel, City Clerk