



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President Roelke called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:53pm. Members present were Council President Amy Roelke, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, and Alderperson Molly Finkler.

ABSENT: Alderperson Sarah Motiff

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the meeting's agenda.

Alder Rostad requested that item number 9 be moved ahead of number 2.

An amended motion was made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad with the request.

Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad, and Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried.

Department Reports for File included Library (09/2024), Lifestar (08/2024), Police (09/2024), and Treasurer (09/2024).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

2. Presentation by Greg Johnson of Ehlers regarding capital planning and future debt issuance.

Greg Johnson provided a presentation on the planned borrowing of the City. The presentation was informational and will go to Council as a bond issuance in the near future.

3. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan 2025 - 2029

City Administrator Matt Amundson and City Treasurer Krystal Larson delivered a presentation on the 2025 budget and highlighted how assessments affect taxes. They also discussed the proposed capital projects. Alder Rostad asked if we have to replace the Fire Department Command vehicle. Amundson and Larson will continue to gather answers to questions and provide at the October 29th meeting.

4. Discussion of 2025 Operating Budget

The budget numbers are very similar to what was presented on October 1, 2024. Alder Lawson asked about the \$30,000 that was included for the remodel of City Hall, Amundson explained that had been reallocated to the pickleball project. Alder Finkler asked if we could go through the

operating budget page by page. Larson answered questions of the Council as they went through each page. Committee agreed to move forward to the October 29, 2024 regular Council Meeting.

5. Discussion regarding disposal of 2012 Chevy Volt

City Administrator, Matt Amundson stated that the Volt has not been used in the past year and is currently stored in the library garage. Staff is requesting that it go to surplus auction. Committee agreed to move forward to the October 29, 2024, regular Council meeting.

6. Discussion regarding Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Prairie Ridge Hospital

Mike Kornmann, Community and Economic Development Director reviewed the CSM and stated that there will be another future CSM for parking and a third for long term expansion plans. Committee agreed to move forward to the October 29, 2024, regular Council meeting.

7. Request for Proposal – Building Inspection Services

Mike Kornmann, Community and Economic Development Director stated that the City of Columbus has been with the current contractor since 2020, and that they will be encouraged to submit on this request. Adler Lawson requested that we add verbiage that if a submittal does not meet minimum requirements that the City of Columbus has the ability to reject the proposal. Committee agreed to move forward to the October 29, 2024, regular Council meeting.

8. Discuss and Consider Ordering a 2025 Police Squad Car

Dennis Weiner, Police Chief, shared that Ford is currently taking orders and that waiting until the budget is approved could result in losing an opportunity to place an order for the new squad. The Committee provided authorization to place the order and place on the October 29, 2024 Council agenda.

9. Consider and discuss request from Doylestown Fire Department

Andrew Langsdorf represented the Doylestown Fire Department and shared that they would like to reserve the Pavilion for a sportsman banquet. The Committee had no concerns regarding the event and directed staff to move forward with the reservation.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler to adjourn at 9:08pm, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson. Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad, and Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.