



Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President, Amy Roelke called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present: Council President Amy Roelke, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, and Alderperson Molly Finkler. Alderperson Sarah Motiff was excused and Administrator Amundson and Clerk Caine were both attending via Zoom.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment None.

New Business

1. Discussion of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Columbus and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regarding Changes in Access to STH 73 in the City of Columbus between Avalon Road and Tower Drive:

Community and Economic Director, Mike Kornmann shared that with the development of Cardinal Heights one of the items that WiDOT was concerned about was the spacing of O'Brien Court on Park Avenue in comparison to other road entrances. They requested this MOA to address their concerns. This codifies our understanding that if there are traffic concerns in the future, the plan is in place to address them. Amundson complimented the work that Leitha, Kornmann, and Attorney Johnson put into this part of the project. Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 4, 2025 Common Council meeting.

2. Discussion regarding bids received for Brookside Lane street construction:

Engineer Leitha spoke about the Brookside Lane improvements project. This went out to bid and bids were open on February 14, 2025. This project is from Avalon Road to the cul-de-sac on Brookside Lane. This project was included in our Capital Plan. We want to extend and replace some of the water main and this will be done in conjunction with the hospital's project. Two bids were received. Costs came in close to the estimate. Forest Landscaping Construction was the low bidder at \$897,002. This project is planned for completion this summer. Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 4, 2025 Common Council meeting.

3. Discussion regarding bids received for Fireman's Park stormwater project:

Leitha shared this was the second project whose bid opening was held on February 14, 2025. This project received more bids than Brookside and received a low bid from Egbert Excavating, Inc. The design of the project includes two bridges which were considered mandatory alternates. Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 4, 2025 Common Council meeting.

4. Discussion of internet segregation for Cablecast broadcast units:

David Bennett presented an explanation that our Cablecast units are causing payment card information compliance failures for the Recreation Department. The failures will continue to increase. The solution suggested by Rhyme, our IT provider, is to disconnect the Cablecast servers off of the City network which will result in the loss of the cable channels in the Roku stream. The Cable Commission would like to have separate internet service to attach the broadcast units to. Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 4, 2025 Common Council meeting.

5. Discussion of Res. 5-25: A Resolution supporting the submission of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application by the Historic Tremont, LLC to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for a Downtown Columbus Revitalization Project:

Kornmann shared that the Historic Tremont, LLC owners are proceeding with a CDI Grant application. Part of the application process is for the governing body to support the application by approving a resolution stating such. Kornmann feels that this will be a successful application. Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 4, 2025 Common Council meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 6:46pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

*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.