



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Council President Roelke. The following members were present: Council President Amy Roelke, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, and Alderperson Molly Finkler.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the agenda.

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

Department Reports for File

1. The following Department Reports were presented for file: Fire (07-08/2024), Library (08/2024), and Police (08/2024).

Public Comment

None.

New Business

2. Discussion regarding a vehicle lease program with Enterprise

Amundson opened this discussion by sharing that between the Utility, Public Works, Police and Fire Department staff and himself we have created a master fleet list and shared it with Enterprise. They have done some analysis and looked at how their program would fit into our fleet. This is primarily non-CDL vehicles. There are some positives and some items of concern. It ultimately comes down to a financial decision. We currently buy our vehicles through borrowing, through our CIP Plan. This would change that to an annual leasing, or budgeted item. Council members questioned costs, future expenses involved, maintenance, vehicle add-ons, and whether or not the city could handle a similar program itself. Also, whether or not the program would work with what the Police Department would like to move forward with: the "take a vehicle home" plan.

Amundson has asked Ehlers to share their thoughts on this opportunity, as well. Further discussion can take place during the budget review process.

3. Discussion and review of Task Order No. 2404 with Ruekert and Mielke related to the Udey Dam.
Amundson shared that the city has received notification from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with their concerns regarding recent flooding and how it has impacted the Udey Dam. We have been asked to complete a safety inspection. Ruekert-Mielke has been asked to create this task order. Committee agreed to move forward to the next regular Common Council meeting on 10/01/2024 for a vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.

Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, 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.