



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 06, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

In the absence of Council President Finkler, Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Council President Molly Finkler was excused.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

New Business

1. Discussion regarding waiving the maximum driveway width and allowing the width not to exceed 37 feet at 333 Transit Road:

Community and Economic Development Director, Mike Kornmann clarified that this waiver is to allow the driveway width for 333 Transit Road not to exceed 47-feet, not 37-feet, as printed. The maximum allowed is currently 36-feet. Committee Members agreed to move forward to the January 6, 2026 Common Council meeting.

2. Discussion of Resolution needed to join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communication System for Dodge County, Wisconsin Grant Program:

Fire Chief Hazeltine shared that this resolution is needed as part of the grant application. Dodge County is exploring a new radio system for the county. This is an 80/20 matching grant. The City would be required to spend up to \$10,000 if granted. Amundson shared this would become part of the 2027 Budget process if awarded. Alderperson Meier would like to see staff put an estimate together for full radio replacement for the city. After a brief discussion, Committee Members agreed to move forward to the January 6, 2026 Common Council meeting.

3. Discussion of the Wage Study and the proposed Wage Scale:

Administrator Amundson shared that this study and proposed wage scale are an internal collaborative effort between himself, Finance Director Riddle and Alderperson Lawson. He asked if there are any specific positions the Committee members would like to discuss they could be scheduled for a future closed session. Alderperson Meier asked to bring the positions of PD Admin Manager, Community Center Manager, and Public Works Director to a closed session discussion. Committee members agreed to move forward the Wage Scale to the January 6, 2026 Common Council meeting. Amundson will prepare the requested information and bring it to a closed session at the January 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Convene to Closed Session per § 19.85(1)(e), for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss development proposals for the city owned property at the corner of Tower Drive and Western Ave.

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to convene into Closed Session at 7:04pm. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to reconvene to Open Session at 7:29pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to adjourn at 7:30pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Clerk, Susan L. Caine