



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President Amy Roelke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present included 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 Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to approve the agenda.

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

Committee Minutes for File included Hillside Cemetery (10/14/24), HLPC (09/25/24), PFC (08/28/24), and Recreation (08/12/24).

Public Comment

Mayor Hammer shared that Clara Sennhenn a long-time member of the Hillside Cemetery Board passed away just shy of her 100th birthday. She was to receive an award for her 48 years of service, and it was instead presented to her family. Her service to the city will be missed.

New Business

2. Discussion regarding Department of Transportation (DOT) grant for Tower Drive street project

Amundson shared that the city received this pavement replacement grant. It is currently slated for 2026, but it may be moved forward to 2027. The grant requirements do not allow a municipality to use a regular/contracted engineering vendor for the project. The DOT will work with the selected vendor directly. This grant is an 80/20 split in expenses. Our additional cost for the project is approximately \$86,000. Staff is seeking direction in letting the DOT know we are comfortable with this increase. There is not a contract in place and the wetland delineation still needs to be completed. This is for a resurfacing of Tower Drive without any utility work. Committee is comfortable with Amundson notifying the DOT to move forward with this project and will move this forward to a future regular Council meeting once the city has secured their contract.

3. Consideration and discussion of recent request for services (electrical, internment, lawn service, hvac, plumbing, tree services, cleaning)

This agenda item will be added to the November 19, 2024, Special Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

4. Consider Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Hachi Hachi Sushi & Hibachi Alcohol License Application

After review of this application, committee members agreed to move forward to the November 19, 2024, regular Council meeting.

Convene to Closed Session

Convene to closed session per section 19.85(1)(e), stats 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 103 N. Ludington Street.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to move into Closed Session at 7:14pm.

Voting Yea: Council President Roelke, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad, and Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to reconvene into Open Session at 7:34pm.

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

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 7:34pm.

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