



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 05, 2024 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Hammer
Aldersperson Sarah Motiff
Aldersperson Trina Reid
Aldersperson Michael Lawson
Aldersperson Ryan Rostad
Aldersperson Molly Finkler

ABSENT

Council President Amy Roelke was excused.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Aldersperson Rostad, Seconded by Aldersperson Finkler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hammer, Aldersperson Motiff, Aldersperson Reid, Aldersperson Lawson, Aldersperson Rostad, Aldersperson Finkler

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Committee Minutes for File: Cable Commission 04/29/24, Library 06/18/24, PFC 06/12/24, PFC 07/10/24

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New Business

2. Discussion regarding an Amendment to Ordinance 114-101 related to fences

Mike Kornmann, Community and Economic Development Director, shared that the Plan Commission discussed amending Ordinance 114-101 due to an incident earlier this year involving a dog that leapt over a six-foot fence. This amendment would allow some flexibility in our code allowing for up to an additional two feet of fence, wall, or hedge height. The Plan Commission is

recommending the amendment be approved by council. Committee agreed to move forward to the 08/20/2024 Council meeting.

3. Discussion regarding ordinance amendment related to items going to Committee of the Whole

Administrator Amundson opened the discussion regarding items that are reviewed by a committee then have to come to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion, and then to Council. In some cases, it can be a six-week process. Is there interest in having these items that go to a city committee, are reviewed with a recommendation to the City Council, bypassing going to the Committee of the Whole? Alder Lawson added that this would make sense with confirmation by the council liaison for that committee. Some committees may want further input and discussion by the Committee of the Whole, so they may request their discussion item still follow the current procedure. Alder Finkler added that additional cleanup of the ordinance could take place at the same time.

4. Discussion related to cyber security grant and new phone system

Amundson shared that the State of Wisconsin has a cyber-security grant opportunity for municipalities. Each community can receive a maximum award of up to \$100,000. He has been discussing this with Rhyme regarding the addition of fiber optics to connect all of the city facilities, providing internet and phone to some of our satellite buildings currently not served. He also has had some discussions with AT&T. There are grant requirements for ownership of the fiber. Rhyme is reviewing our current system. There is not a requirement for matching funds as far as we are aware. It is his recommendation that if not awarded a grant, this item should become part of our Capital Improvements Program.

5. Discussion regarding IT replacement plan and review of quote for 2024 replacements

Amundson shared the IT Replacement Plan developed for the city by Rhyme. Committee agreed to move forward to the 08/20/2024 Regular Council Meeting.

6. Discussion and review of Capital Improvement Program (2025-2029)

Amundson presented the Capital Improvement Program for 2025-2029 developed to date. Utilities is still working with their Commission on their portion before being tied into this plan. Amundson went through each department with the Committee members. A more formal presentation will be included at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Motion by Alder Finkler, second by Alder Reid to adjourn the meeting carried on a unanimous voice vote at 7:28 pm.

*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.

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Susan L. Caine, Clerk