

**City of Columbus  
Regular City Council Meeting  
February 11, 2015**

The February 11, 2015 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Mayor Dave Povolny. Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine, and Bill Krebs. City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith; Engineer Larry Boher; and Secretary Kathy Laur.

Absent: None

Also in attendance were: Julie Eddington, Tammy Omdahl, Nicole LeMay, Jim Watson, Jody Krebs and Paul Rignell of the Forest Lake Times.

**A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting – 7:01 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes on 1/28/15
4. Motion – Approval of the City Council Joint Workshop Minutes on 2/04/15
5. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions.
6. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted.
7. Motion – Columbus PTO Resolution 15-04 to Conduct Excluded Bingo (Page 1-3)

There were no additions to the consent agenda.

**Motion by Duraine to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Daly.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

**8. PC & ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS**

The personnel committee met with all applicants and recommended appointment of each to their respective commission and advisory board.

Planning Commission Appointment -James Watson applied for the recent opening for the Planning Commission.

**Motion by Peterson to approve the appointment of James Watson. Seconded by Krebs.  
Motion approved unanimously**

Public Works Advisory Board Appointment- Russell McPherson applied for the recent opening on the Public Works Advisory Board.

**Motion by Peterson to approve the appointment of Russell McPherson. Seconded by Krebs. Motion approved unanimously.**

Forest Lake Cable Commission Appointment - Doug Wood applied for the recent opening on the Forest Lake Cable Commission.

**Motion by Duraine to approve the appointment of Doug Wood. Seconded by Krebs.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

Each of the applicants have been residents of the community for many years.

## **9. QUAD 35 LAND FINANCING PLAN SUMMARY & RESOLUTION**

Tammy Omdahl from Northland Securities, discussed the Finance Plan Summary for the taxable General Obligation Tax Abatement bonds proposed to be issued. The new bonds would be replacing the taxable Lease Revenue Bonds currently held by the City.

**Motion by Peterson to approve Resolution No. 15-05, Approving the Issuance of Taxable General Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2015A. Seconded by Krebs. Motion approved unanimously.**

## **10. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Reminder about the joint workshop on February 18, 2015.

## **11. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There was no topic raised for discussion for Open Forum.

## **12. NE METRO WATER SUMMIT MEETING**

The meeting was held in Hugo to review the White Bear Lake Settlement Agreement. Hugo is looking for other cities to oppose the implementation of the terms of the settlement agreement. A sample resolution was discussed. City Engineer, Larry Bohrer, will come up with a resolution for the next City Council meeting based on Columbus' own points.

**13. Perry Wagamon Letter** –Council member Peterson commented that the city has done everything that they can. Griffith will draft a letter to Mr. Wagamon stating any further communication should be done through our legal counsel.

## **14. Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota Resolution to Conduct Raffle at RAHP**

**Motion by Duraine to approve Resolution 15-06 Granting Approval to Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota for a Premise Permit to Conduct a Raffle at Running Aces Harness Park. Seconded by Krebs. Motion approved unanimously.**

## **15. League of MN Cities – Liability coverage waiver form**

**Motion by Krebs to move that the City does not waive the monetary limits on the tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04. Seconded by Duraine. Motion approved unanimously.**

## **D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS**

**16. ENGINEER REPORT** – Informed the council that Rice Creek has reinstated its grant program. Funding is available for projects that provide storm water quality treatment and/or runoff volume or peak runoff rate control. Projects must not be required by a RSWD permit and should not be part of a new development project. The deadline is March 13. A preliminary plan and information packet is required to present. The council chose not to proceed and make application to RCWD for the 2015 grant opportunity. Seal coat program plans will be brought to next meeting.

**17. ATTORNEY REPORT** – Rice Creek Watershed District will provide services to Columbus concerning permitting the Broadway/KRB Round-a-bout Project. The attorney offered the following amendment. “The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will terminate upon the successful completion of the Project and related improvements, with the exception of any enforcement or monitoring of any ongoing maintenance obligations required under the District permit, which will survive unless replaced by a joint powers or other formalized agreement as described in Paragraph 6. (District may require a joint powers or other formalized agreement to ensure its future ability to enforce maintenance.)”

**Motion by Peterson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the amendment language above. Seconded by Duraine. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **18. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT**

### **Mayor Povolny - NORTHEAST METRO GWMA**

Mayor Povolny and Krebs attended this public meeting in Shoreview. The public’s attitude was “let’s get together and we need to get control of our water.”

**Council Member Peterson** – Attended a meeting for Sunrise WMO. Ham Lake is thinking about withdrawing their portion of acreage out of Sunrise to be part of Coon Creek Watershed. Sunrise board declined the request. Ham Lake said, “Yes.” Clarification of boundaries needs to be determined. Rice Creek will come before Council on February 25, 2015 and discuss a second boundary change with Sunrise WMO.

**Council Member Daly** – Nothing

**Council Member Duraine** – Sheriff’s department; Scandia’s going to stay with the coverage they have. Hugo added a deputy. Reported that bus service route 275 is working well. According to Adam Harrington with the bus service the routes are going faster than they expected. A bus shelter will be installed this spring.

**Council Member Krebs** – Nothing

## **19. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The Public Works Advisory Committee discussed the need to replace the 1987 wood chipper.

**Motion by Peterson to approve purchase of a Morbark M 12R wood chipper from Trenchers Plus Inc. for \$30,616.00 w/o tax. Seconded by Krebs. Motion passed unanimously**

## **20. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Personnel report: Received 8 applications for the public information coordinator. City staff and personnel committee interviewed applicants. The personnel committee recommends that the City of Columbus offer the position of Public Information Coordinator to Bronwyn Pope at Step

2 \$21.94 and if the position is declined, the second candidate to be offered the position would be Jeff Norton at Step 1 (21.12). This position is eligible for a step increase depending on performance in 6 months. The offer is contingent on favorable references.

**Motion by Duraine to accept the recommendation of the personnel committee to offer the position of Public Information Coordinator to Bronwyn Pope at Step 2 \$21.94 and if the position is declined, the second candidate to be offered the position would be Jeff Norton at Step 1 (21.12). This position is eligible for a step increase depending on performance in 6 months. The offer is contingent on favorable references. Seconded by Krebs. Motion passed unanimously.**

Tax abatement meeting: Planning Commission meeting would follow immediately after the tax abatement meeting.

**Motion by Krebs to schedule a joint meeting February 18, 2015 at 7:15 pm. Seconded by Daly. Motion passed unanimously.**

Trail extension survey: A survey will be sent to approximately 33 properties to see if they support the trail. Council supports whatever the majority of the people say.

**Motion by Krebs to send out a letter to properties along the trail corridor in Columbus. Seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Water connections: An agreement was made for connection fees with existing property owners. Connecting to sewer and water is something that some existing businesses would like to get in on. The language that was adopted doesn't give the city administrator the authority to make the changes. There isn't enough information at this time and more is needed. City Administrator and City Attorney will get more information.

The City Administrator reviewed several interfund transfers with the City Council to be completed and dated as of 12/31/2014

**Motion by Duraine to approve the interfund transfer of funds as listed effective 12/31/2014. Motion seconded by Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$ 323,737.80

Disburse: \$ 42,893.90

Balance: \$ 2,144,321.68

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

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**F. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Krebs to adjourn. Motion seconded by Duraine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy Laur, Interim Secretary