

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
February 25, 2015**

The February 25, 2015 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:01 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 Jacob Steen; Engineer Larry Bohrer; and Secretary Lorie Lemieux.

Absent: None

Also in attendance were: Taro Ito - North Metro Harness Initiative President and CEO, Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart, Anoka County Lieutenant Bryon Fuerst, Anoka County Deputies Peter Grover & Matt O'Connell, Rice Creek Watershed Representative Tom Schmidt, Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Dave Schuler, Ron Barnes, Lucas Tetrault, Russ McPherson, Public Works Superintendant Jim Windingstad.

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 2/11/15
4. Motion – Approval of the City Council Public Hearing Minutes on 2/18/15
5. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions.
6. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted.

There were no additions to the consent agenda.

**Motion by Krebs to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Peterson.
Motion approved unanimously.**

C. PRESENTATIONS

7. MEET & GREET ANOKA COUNTY COLUMBUS DEPUTIES –

Sheriff James Stuart, Lieutenant Bryon Fuerst (liaison to city), Peter Grover, and Matt O'Conner, Deputy's for Columbus were in attendance tonight. The purpose of the visit is to provide an update to the City on the Sheriff Offices' activities and introduction to the Deputies for Columbus. Lieutenant Fuerst introduced Deputy Peter Grover and Matt O'Conner. The Sheriff's Office is very involved in community charitable activities. Sheriff Stuart said that Anoka County faces problems with Human Trafficking and Heroin abuse. These are growing problems not only in the Twin Cities but also in Anoka County. Some of the heroin use begins with abuse of prescription narcotic drugs in the home; Anoka County has received 5,000 pounds of prescription drugs through the drug take back program as of date.

Council Member Duraine asked if the deputies have been involved at the elementary school, and if so, to what level (ie: partaking in drills). Deputy Grover reported he has visited the school and classrooms on several occasions and is aware of the layout of the elementary school. Council member Daly thanked the group for their service.

8. PUBLIC HEARING — RUNNING ACES LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL (PAGES A1-A15)

A public hearing was held at this time to receive testimony for the application by North Metro Harness Initiative for an On Sale Intoxicating, Sunday, and Optional 2 a.m. liquor licenses. Separate minutes are prepared.

Discussion and motion were made during the public hearing

Mr. Ito discussed future plans for Running Aces Harness Park. Interior design changes are in the near future which include moving the simulcast carrels out of the bar area and into a more private area facing the finish line. This renovation will allow the opportunity to open up the bar/restaurant area with the addition of changing the menu as well as introducing the farm to table concept. Ito shared his vision to turn RAHP into a local entertainment venue and increase its presence in the northeast metro. To achieve the vision he would like to add concerts to attract different age groups to the facility. The present Interim Use Permit does not allow for non-stage musical acts, therefore RAHP will have to submit an application for an amended conditional use permit and Zoning text amendment to allow staged musical acts. Ito suggests that possibly having the concerts performed on platform trucks on the track or in the parking lot and no more than 4 or 5 concerts a year. He agrees that a strict specific time frame be adhered to for respect to the neighboring properties. Povolny requests Mr. Ito to come forward with details to the planning commission with his plan. This action will require a zoning text amendment and conditional use permit amendment.

9. PRESENTATION – RCWD SWMO BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT (Enclosure & A16)

Tom Schmidt, Rice Creek Watershed Public Drainage Inspector, presented a memorandum that outlines a request for a change in boundaries between Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) and Sunrise River Water Management Organization (SWMO) that is located in a portion of Columbus. The main issue is a drainage area of ditch #31 that is outside of RCWD authoritative jurisdiction that needs repair. Additionally there are a small number of parcels that are located in the RCWD but drain into the SWMO. Adjusting the boundaries will accurately reflect hydrologic boundaries and facilitate water resource management. SWMO has already approved this action.

Motion by Peterson in support of concurrence of the proposed boundary adjustment between RCWD and SWMO as discussed. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye, Daly - aye, Duraine - nay, Krebs - aye, Povolny - aye. Motion carried

10. QUAD 35 LAND TAXABLE GO TAX ABATEMENT BOND RESOLUTION (Enclosure & Page A17)

Tammy Omdal, Northland Securities, reviewed the City of Columbus Taxable General Obligation Tax Abatement Bond Series 2015A bond sale summary.

ADM 05000 & BON 00300 by Peterson to approve Resolution No 15-08 Awarding the Sale of Taxable Obligation Tax Abatement Bonds, Series 2015A, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$4,350,000; Fixing Their Form and Specifications; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; Providing for Their Payment; Providing for the Escrowing and Investment of the Proceeds Thereof; and Providing for the Redemption of Bonds Refunded Thereby. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

11. ADVANCED REFUNDING ESCROW AGREEMENT (Pages 1-9)

The Advanced Refunding Escrow Agreement was included in the agenda packet. The action is approval of the agreement. The Bond proceeds will be placed in an escrow until the call date of the 2010 bonds which will be in 2017.

Motion BON 00300 by Krebs to approve the Advanced Refunding Escrow Agreement relating to \$4,720,000 Columbus Economic Development Authority Taxable Lease Revenue Bonds Series 2010. Second by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries. Motion carried

12. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

A joint meeting was held with the Planning Commission and City Council. The Council shared goals for the Planning Commission.

13. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There was no topic raised for discussion for Open Forum.

14. DIRECTION – COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT APPOINTMENT (Pages 10-13)

A letter dated February 6, 2015 and Public Notice of Vacancy regarding Coon Creek Watershed District Appointments was included in the agenda packet. A vacancy for manager will occur on May 27th, 2015. The city can submit a list of at least three eligible nominees for a manager’s position by March 27th, 2015, without a list from the City the Anoka County Board of Commissioners may appoint any voting resident of the Coon Creek Watershed District who is not a public officer of the county, state or federal government. The City Administrator explained that the City does not have any names to submit at this time. No further action was taken.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

15. ENGINEER REPORT

2015 Seal Coat and Crack Fill Project (Pages 14-15)

A memo dated February 20, 2015 from the Larry Bohrer, City Engineer, was included in the agenda packet. The Advertisement for Bids was also included. The action is to approve the Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Seal Coat and Crack Sealing project and authorize the advertisement for bids for the same. A display copy of the Plans and Specifications is available at City Hall.

Motion PWM 02600 by Peterson to approve the Plans and Specifications for the 2015 Seal Coat and Crack Filling Project. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Motion PWM 02600 by Peterson to Authorize the Advertisement of Bids for the 2015 Seal Coat and Crack Filling Project. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries

Resolution Opposing DNR & WBL Settlement Agreement (Pages 16-18)

Included in the agenda packet was a draft of the resolution opposing the WBL Settlement Agreement, which outlines the city’s reasons for opposition. The Engineer stated that this

Agreement should be distributed to the Legislators and lobbyists so they are aware of the city's stand on this matter.

Motion ADM 00500 by Peterson to approve Resolution No. 15-09, Opposing Certain Conclusions and Implementation Strategies Put Forth in the Settlement Agreement Between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the White Bear Lake Restoration Association Relating to the Regionalization of Municipal Drinking Water Supplies. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine -aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries

Direction – Safe Routes To Schools (Page 19)

At a recent City Council meeting the engineer was directed to see if paving the shoulders on Notre Dame Street would be eligible for the Safe Routes to School grant program. The deadline for submittal to this grant was January 9, 2015. MNDOT administers this program, therefore, the possibility of a future grant is uncertain. The program manager advised to make a joint application with the school district along with a planning grant to study the number of children presently walking to school using this road and forecasting the future number of walkers. If the grant becomes available next year the city requested the Engineer to submit an application.

16. ATTORNEY REPORT

Motion. Anoka County Connectivity Services Agreement (Pages 20-23)(A18)

The action is the giving the direction to send a letter of intent to renew and amend the Anoka County Connectivity Services Agreement.

Motion by Krebs to give the direction to submit a letter of intent to renew the existing Anoka County Connectivity Services Agreement. Second by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - aye; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries

Update Columbus Letter to Perry Wagamon(A19-21)

A letter has been submitted to Mr. Wagamon, drafted by the city's attorney stating that the city has exhausted its authority and remedies available and will take no further action on this issue.

17. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Mayor Povolny - Has been attending Fire Board meetings. The Fire Board been participating in the recruitment process for a new Fire Chief.

Council Member Peterson – (A22-37) (Public Works Advisory Board)

A memo dated February 24, 2015 regarding the purchase of a new plow truck was included in the agenda packet. The Public Works Advisory Board made a motion to purchase a 2015 Mack truck with a towmaster package. This vehicle purchase is in the budget for this year and the cost is under budget. Duraine shared that he would like to see the city using the grader motor to plow snow instead of adding to the fleet.

Motion FIN 00400 by Peterson to approve the Public Works Advisory Board recommendation to purchase a 2015 single axel Mack diesel powered truck for the price of \$84,046.07 plus title and registration fees and the towmaster package for the price of \$100,858.00. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - nay; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion Carries.

Council Member Daly –Stated that he has been approached by residents inquiring about the placement of a post office mail box at the City Hall. Daly will contact the Forest Lake postmaster and see what options are available.

Council Member Duraine – Rush Line Task Force met and they are trying to get more open houses and media releases for public input for alternative routes. Rush Line Task Force sent a letter in support of the bridge. Forest Lake Cable Commission met and they are looking at hooking up live feed here at the city for the council meetings.

Council Member Krebs – Reiterated that he would encourage people to submit their letters of bridge support to their legislatures.

18. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT (Page 24)

Mursko recently performed six month performance reviews regarding the promotion for Jim Windingstad and Lorie Lemieux. Mursko is recommending a step increase for Jim Windingstad, Public Works Superintendent and Lorie Lemieux, Deputy Clerk, which was part of the original recommendation of the personnel committee.

Motion HRS 04100 by Peterson to increase Jim Windingstad from step 2 to step 3 and Lorie Lemieux from step 1 to step 2 in their respective positions. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Daly - aye; Duraine - nay; Krebs - aye; Povolny - aye. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$ 0.00

Disburse: \$ 46,994.82

Balance: \$ 2,097,326.86

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lorie Lemieux, Recording Secretary

