

City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
May 11, 2016

The May 25, 2016 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at City Hall. Present were Povolny, Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; Attorney Bill Griffith; Engineer Dennis Postler; and Public Information Coordinator Bronwyn Pope.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance were: Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Mary Preiner, Jody Krebs, Mike Nelson, Dave Schueler, Jack Stodoka, Gary Irwin, Ron Barnes, Dan Mike and Terri Hodges (Forest Lake Cable Commission).

CONSENT AGENDA

- Motion – Approval of the Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting Minutes 04/25/16
- Motion - Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 04/27/16
- Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions
- Motion - Pay Bills as Posted
- Motion – **Resolution 16-07** Authorizing Acceptance of Gifts Received by City

Motion ADM05000 by Krebs to approve the consent agenda, including **Resolution 16-07** authorizing acceptance of gifts received by the City. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Neighborhood Meeting Request 159th and parts of Xingu Street

Jack Stodoka, 15961 Xingu, submitted a partial street improvement petition with signatures of residents on Xingu Street. The petition was circulated to residents on Xingu between 162nd Ave. NE and 159th Ave. NE. Ron Barnes, 16035 Xingu, said no to the petition, and asked the Council to consider a neighborhood meeting to include all of Xingu. Council and City staff discussed whether or not to include all of Xingu, as well as 162nd Ave. Mursko reiterated several times that when a project is started this late in the year it runs the risk of not being completed by the end of the construction season. A recent road improvement project did not complete driveways and other finish details until the following spring. Griffith pointed out that because there has been a previous neighborhood meeting for Xingu, to expedite the process the Council could move directly to a feasibility study and then have a public hearing for neighbors to vote on the project. Duraine suggested the Council could consider including 165th along the City Park and the City Park parking lots as part of this project.

Motion ADM04700 by Peterson to approve a neighborhood meeting on Xingu Street NE. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There will be a joint Planning Commission & City Council Meeting on May 18, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Graffco CUP Amendment Issues

Graffco would like to amend their CUP. The office/service building on the property is currently rented by All Phase Construction, which moved onto the property in the spring of 2015. All Phase is currently using the space in front of the building for outside storage which does not meet the requirements of the existing CUP. Council consensus was that All Phase can apply for a CUP amendment which will address the type and extent of outside storage. The back of the Graffco property, behind All Phase, includes an accessory building which has been occupied by 11th Hour Recovery, an impound towing company, since November 2015. The C/I District does not currently allow for towing/impound businesses. Accessory buildings also do not meet requirements for principal use, and this building does not have sewer or water services. The 11th Hour Recovery request would be for a lot to hold 55 cars. Council discussed whether or not to consider allowing towing/impound companies in the C/I district. Some municipalities do not allow them because of increased traffic, security issues, large fencing requirements and the potential need for extra policing in the area. Griffith explained that if zoning was changed to allow 11th Hour Recovery then any lot in the C/I District could be used by similar businesses. Council consensus was that there is no interest in adding towing/impound businesses in the C/I District.

Motion PLZ00400 by Duraine to direct City Staff to inform Graffco that vehicle storage is not allowed in the district, All Phase Construction is not in compliance and would need to amend their CUP to address conditions related to storage and screening, and employment based uses require private utility services. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

City View Electric Site Plan Update

City View Electric's new Columbus location Site Plan was approved in September 2015. After they applied for their building permit they realized there were some structural problems they needed to address. The updated City View Site Plan includes the same square footage but instead of one building, there are two buildings and one has been rotated 90 degrees.

Motion PLZ00400 by Peterson to approve the amended City View site plan dated Feb. 12, 2016 for the CUP and building permit at 14309 Lake Drive NE. Motion seconded by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM - No one for public open forum.

ENGINEER REPORT

Ziegler Water Storage Tank & Pumping Facility

Postler presented the plans and specs for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Facility, and draft advertisement for bid. Construction is anticipated to take place July-December 2016.

Motion UTL01900/PWE01200 by Peterson to approve the plans and specifications for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Conversion Project. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Motion CON00200 by Peterson to authorize the advertisement for bids for the Ziegler Water Storage Tank and Pumping Conversion Project and set the bid opening for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2016 at Columbus City Hall. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY REPORT no report.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council Member Daly – Daly suggested paving all of Xingu Street NE and 165th Ave. NE., and inviting those residents to the road improvement neighborhood meeting.

Motion PWE01200 by Duraine to invite residents of 165th Ave to a road improvement neighborhood meeting to discuss a road improvement project on 165th Ave. from Kettle River Blvd to Furman St. NE to the road improvement neighborhood meeting. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Council Member Duraine – Next Wednesday will be the regular meeting of the Cable Commission and the member Cities will all meet June 9, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Council Member Krebs – Krebs updated the Council on the Level III sex offender meeting held last week by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and asked what the City could do to stop sex offenders from moving to Columbus. Council and City staff discussed options for zoning or conditions that would make it more difficult for these offenders to move into the community. Anything new which is enacted would not apply to residents who already live in the City.

Motion POL03300/ATT00600 by Krebs to direct City staff to look into zoning options to address Level 3 predatory offenders. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Council Member Peterson – Peterson, Mursko, Postler and City Planner Dean Johnson attended a meeting with Anoka County, Running Aces and Holiday to discuss the County Road 54 realignment. Anoka County still stands with their current plan but Mursko persuaded them to look at a proposal from Holiday.

Krebs suggested the Council also revisit the topic of a potential trail/walking path along West Freeway Drive.

Motion PWE01200 by Krebs reconsider the walking or bike path along West Freeway Drive. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Anoka County has questions for the City to address before they will look at a trail. 1) What width trail does the City want? Council consensus was 8 feet. 2) Would the City like the trail along County Roads 54 and 23? Council consensus was both. 3) Does the City have a preference for which side of the road the trail is on? Council consensus was whichever side is least expensive. 4) What would be the limits of the trail on County Road 54, how far south would it go? Council consensus was that the trail would go just to the new construction area on CR54, and on CR23 the trail would go from Zurich to the southbound ramps.

Motion PWE01200 by Krebs to ask Anoka County for an estimated price for trails on CR23 and CR54. Motion seconded by Duraine. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Mayor – No report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR REPORT – No report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

July City Council Meeting Calendar Change

In previous year the City Council has only held one meeting in July. Consensus was to cancel the July 13 meeting and have only one meeting that month on July 27, 2016.

Motion ADM04700 by Duraine to cancel the July 13, 2016 City Council meeting and hold one meeting that month on July 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Peterson. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

EDA meeting either June or July this year - The summer EDA meeting will be held July 27, 2016.

Motion ADM 04700 by Duraine to hold an EDA meeting July 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

Potential Internet Neighborhood Meeting on June 14 at 7 p.m.

At the last City Council meeting members saw a letter from young resident asking for internet access, which received a reply from the Mayor. City staff then spoke with the child's mother about holding a neighborhood meeting, similar to road improvement meetings, to gauge interest in receiving services from Midco (formerly Midcontinent). A Midcontinent representative would attend the meeting, as well as City staff, and residents would find out

what the Midco surcharge and other costs or requirements would be. The Mayor suggested any Columbus resident without internet services could attend the meeting to see how this process would work in their neighborhood.

Motion ADM04700 by Duraine to direct City staff to invite Jennings St. residents to a meeting with Midco to address internet access issues. Motion seconded by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson – aye; Daly – aye; Duraine – aye; Krebs – aye; Povolny – aye. Motion carries.

MnDOT Open House REMINDER for meeting May 12, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. at Eagle Brook Church in Lino Lakes

8963 Lake Drive Complaints Update

City staff have been working with law enforcement and the City prosecutor for more than a year on complaints regarding the renter at 8963 Lake Drive NE. In 2015 in the midst of court proceedings the owner of the property sold the property on contract to deed to the renter. Court proceedings were scheduled to continue with the new owner but that gentleman passed away last month. Progress on this nuisance property will now be on hold until ownership of the property is resolved, then the City will continue to work to resolve the issues at the property.

7645 172nd Ave. Complaint Update

City staff have been working for nearly two years to address issues at 7645 172nd regarding a renter who is running an unpermitted auto repair business at a residence. City staff and law enforcement have had multiple contacts with the owner and/or renter to attempt to address issues at the property. The couple who own the property now live out of state and one of them will soon be working out of the country. One owner is willing to meet with City Council and staff members to resolve the issue on May 23 at 2 p.m. Consensus was that Mursko, two City Council members and the City Criminal Attorney will attend the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Receipts: \$73,977.54

Disburse: \$100,442.66

Balance: \$1,981,012.49

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Planning Commission Meeting 05/18/16.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Seconded by Daly. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bronwyn Pope, Public Information Coordinator