

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
January 11, 2017**

The January 11, 2017 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Dave Povolny at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, Mark Daly, Jeff Duraine and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Attorney Bill Griffith, Engineer Dennis Postler, Public Communications Coordinator Jessica Hughes.

Also in attendance were: Dave Schueler, Diane Aszmann, Jody Krebs, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Kris King, Paul Peskar, Brandon Taylore (LATV), Andrew Gitzlaff (RUSH Line).

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting – 7:12 P.M.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes 12.14.16**
- 4. Motion – Approval of the 2017 Agreement for Residential Recycling Program**
- 5. Motion – Approval of National School Choice Week Proclamation Request**

**Motion by Daly to approve the consent agenda items 3-5. Seconded by Peterson.
Motion carried unanimously.**

C. PRESENTATIONS

6. Presentation - RUSH Line Update

At this time, Andrew Gitzlaff gave a Power Point presentation describing the results from a 2-year study examining the need for improved public transit in a 30-mile area between downtown St. Paul and Forest Lake. Council Members asked a number of questions. Council Member Krebs asked what percentage of costs for this type of project are covered by tax dollars, Mr. Gitzlaff responded that 70% of operating costs are covered by tax dollars. Mayor Povolny asked if the proposed corridor was similar to the road between the Minneapolis and St. Paul University of Minnesota Campuses, where only buses and pedestrians are allowed. Mr. Gitzlaff responded that yes, that is the idea, however there will also be intermittent areas where busses will travel on public roads. Council Member Duraine also sits on the RUSH Line Corridor Committee and emphasized that a lot of consideration and research has gone into this study. He clarified that extending the corridor to Columbus was discussed with the Committee, however the plan being presented has only a connector bus from Columbus, going to downtown Forest Lake, and then to White Bear Lake, where it will connect to the proposed corridor to St. Paul.

7. Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission cancelled their December 21st and January 4th meetings. The one subject from the December 7th meeting for the City Council to consider was a CUP Request for Thurnbeck Preserve.

Thurnbeck Preserve CUP

The Planning Commission is presenting the Thurnbeck Preserve CUP for PUD to the City Council with a recommendation for approval.

Motion by Peterson to approve (PC-16-123) the Thurnbeck CUP request (dated 09.13.16) to allow a PUD for the lot averaging configuration in the Thurnbeck Preserve Plat, subject to conditions 1-8 in the Planner's memo dated 09.29.16. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherco Construction (Thurnbeck Family Limited Partnership) PUD CUP Conditions:

1. The PUD CUP is contingent upon final plat approval and recording of Thurnbeck Preserve.
2. The PUD CUP is contingent upon detailed recommendations of the City Attorney.
3. The PUD CUP is contingent upon detailed recommendations of the City Engineer.
4. The PUD CUP allows the exception for the oversized, existing accessory building located on Lot 11, subject to code compliance review and any recommendations by the Building Official.
5. Development of the Property must be consistent with all local, federal, and state laws that apply to the use of the Property.
6. No further subdivision of any lot for development purposes is allowed.
7. In the event the City Council determines, in its sole discretion, that the development of the Property is not being operated in accordance with any term or condition contained herein, the PUD CUP may be revoked by the City upon proper notice and a hearing. The City shall notify regulatory authorities that have issued licenses or permits in connection with the PUD CUP of any such revocation.
8. Sherco shall be responsible to reimburse the City for its out of pocket expenses incurred in the review and approval of the CUP and PUD, including any subsequent inspection and enforcement actions.

8. Public Open Forum

No report.

9. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Dates

City Council members briefly discussed the 2017 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting dates. Anoka County requires these are scheduled between April 11, 2017 and May 10, 2017.

Motion by Krebs to schedule the 2017 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting dates for April 17 as the first choice and April 24 as the second choice. Motion seconded by Daly. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 2017 Organizational Chart Designations

City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko presented the current organizational chart for the Council to review. Krebs was nominated by Mayor Povolny for Deputy Mayor and Krebs accepted the

nomination. Terms for Planning Commission members Garth Sternberg and Jesse Preiner had expired, and both submitted requests to be appointed for another term. The Council agreed to reappoint both Sternberg and Preiner. Terms for Park Board Members Sandra Wood and Bob Bodene expired and both submitted requests to be appointed for another term. The Council agreed to reappoint Wood and Bodene.

Council Members then reviewed City Council Committee Assignments. Council Members Krebs and Duraine expressed interest in serving on the Public Works Advisory Committee. Discussion was had about the potential for scheduling conflicts, and the consensus was that Council Member Peterson would continue serving on the Public Works Advisory Committee for another year. Council Member Daly expressed interest in serving on the Personnel Committee, and the Council agreed that Daly will serve in place of Krebs. Council Member Krebs then expressed interest in serving on the Sunrise Watershed Committee, and all agreed he will replace Peterson as the main member on the committee. Lastly, there was some discussion about whether or not Columbus would like to have someone serving on the RUSH Line Corridor Committee. The consensus was that Columbus should have a representative, because there is a bus terminal in the City, and Duraine will continue occupying that role.

Motion by Duraine to approve 2017 Organizational Chart with changes as noted as attached. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

11. Engineer Report

Updated 141st Ave NE Cost

At this time City Engineer Dennis Postler presented the updated proposed assessments for the paving of 141st Avenue NE, based on discussion during the December 14, 2016 City Council Meeting. At this meeting the Council determined that Lots 6041 and 6155 off of the private driveway are direct benefitting lots, Lot 6012 is a 50% indirect benefitting lot, and the undeveloped 40-acre parcel on the south side of 141st Avenue NE has no benefit. Based on these changes, the estimated assessment per benefitting lot decreased from \$9,900 to \$9,150.

Motion by Peterson to send formal petitions for the 141st Avenue NE paving improvements to all properties listed on the map as presented. Seconded by Krebs. Motion carried unanimously.

Furman Street Petition Results

Postler also presented the results of a petition that was sent out to residents of Furman Street NE from Broadway Avenue NE to approximately 0.3 miles south, as a result of feedback from a Neighborhood Meeting held on December 01, 2016. Petitions were mailed to the 4 easterly property owners abutting the prospective street paving improvements. The results were as follows:

Number of petitions sent	4
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Number of petitions returned	3
Yes petitions	2
No petitions	1
Split petitions	1

One of the petitions returned was for a parcel with two assessable lots, and the two residents split their vote; one yes and one no. Historically the City’s policy for parcels with multiple assessable lots was that only one vote would be counted. Therefore, the split vote was not included in the final petition count. Therefor the final petition results were 2 yes and 1 no.

Motion by Daly to approve Resolution 17-01, a resolution declaring adequacy of petition and ordering preparation of report on improvement. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Attorney Report

No report.

13. Mayor and City Council Member’s Report

Council Member Krebs

No report.

Council Member Duraine

No report.

Council Member Daly

Council Member Daly reported that he rode with Public Works on a snow plowing trip recently. He thought that they do a great job, and noted how difficult plowing snow can be.

Council Member Peterson

Council Member Peterson wanted to let the Council know that there is a meeting once a month about the I35/TH97/CR23 Bridge Project and the relocation of CSAH 54. He said that Council Members are welcome to attend and would encourage everyone do so in order to keep up with the projects.

Mayor Povolny

No report.

14. Public Works’ Report

No report.

15. City Administrator's Report

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:	\$	1,520,041.91
Disbursements:	\$	1,226,939.52
Balance:	\$	3,009,526.63

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

The next Planning Commission meeting is January 18th, 2017

Calendar of Meetings

F. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Seconded by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Hughes, Public Communications Coordinator

City Council Committee Assignments					
	Dave	Denny	Jeff	Bill	Mark
Building Inspector Liaison		M		A	
Issues with builders					
Office Liaison	M				
Issues in the office					
Joint Fire Board (Mtgs as needed)	M		M		
Personnel Committee (Mtgs as needed)	M				M
Park Board (Mtgs 3rd Thurs. Quarterly)		A			M
Public Works Advisory Board		M		A	
(Mtgs. as needed)					
Met Council (As Needed)	M				A
FLCC - Cable TV (Monthly)		A	M		
Rush Line Corridor (Quarterly)			M		
Watersheds:					
Rice Creek				M	A
Coon Creek					
Sunrise (Monthly Meetings):		A		M	
Sunrise 2nd Member: Reinette Labernik					
M = Primary Representative					
A = Alternate Representative					

Final Organizational Chart City of Columbus 2017	
Deputy Mayor	Bill Krebs
Depository	Wells Fargo
Legal Paper	Forest Lake Times
Engineer	TKDA/Dennis Postler
Planner	Resource Strategies/Dean Johnson
Civil Attorney	Larkin Hoffman/Bill Griffith
Criminal Attorney	Joseph Murphy
City Auditor	2016 Tautges Redpath
City Assessor	Ken Tolzman
Animal Control	Hillcrest Animal Hospital
Forester	None
Data Practices (Responsible Authority)	City Administrator
Data Practices (Compliance Official)	City Administrator
Petty Cash Custodian	Deputy Treasurer
Planning Commission Members:	YEAR TERM ENDS
Jody Krebs	2018
Jim Watson	2019
Pam Woloski	2019
Garth Sternberg	2020
Jesse Preiner	2020
Park Advisory Board:	
Sandra Wood	2020
Andy Fraley	2018
Andrea Messina	2019
Marilyn Didling	2019
Bob Bodene	2020
Public Works Advisory Board:	
Paul Peskar	
Mike Boland	
Jerry Auge	
Dan Mike	
Lloyd Rehbein	
Dave Schueler	
Russ McPherson	
Forest Lake Cable Commission:	
Doug Wood	

