

**City of Columbus
Regular City Council Meeting
August 10, 2016**

The August 10, 2016 meeting of the City of Columbus City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Mark Daly at the City Hall. Present were Council Members Denny Peterson, and Bill Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Attorney Bill Griffith, Engineer Dennis Postler.

Absent: Mayor Dave Povolny and Council Member Jeff Duraine

Also in attendance were: Kris King, Paul Peskar, Garth Sternberg, Dave & Holly Schueler, Mary Preiner, Pat Preiner, Jesse Preiner, Jody Krebs, Alan Newman, Forest Lake Area Fire Chief, Paul Rignell - Forest Lake Times, and Terri Hodges - LATV.

A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

1. Call To Order - Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Motion – Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes on 07/27/16
4. Motion – Agenda Approval with Additions.
5. Motion – Pay Bills as Posted.
6. Motion – Proclamation Constitution Week
7. Motion – Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month

There were no additions to the consent agenda.

Motion by Peterson to approve the consent agenda items 3-7. Motion seconded by Krebs. Motion approved unanimously.

C. PRESENTATIONS

8. CENTERPOINT ENERGY AWARDS GRANT TO CITY OF COLUMBUS

Robert Korthals from Centerpoint Energy presented the awarded grant to the City of Columbus in the amount of \$840.00 for refurbishing fire & rescue wildfire backpack bladder bags that will be used to serve the community. The City Council and Fire Chief thanked Centerpoint Energy for their generosity and supporting our community.

9. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

No Report.

10. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There was no topics raised for discussion for Open Forum.

11. POLICY CHANGE “BLACKTOP FLYER”

At a previous meeting, it was asked if the policy for neighborhood meeting interest (Step 1) at 51% could be the same as the calculation for ordering the project by formal petitions (Step 5). The direction from the City Council supported the 51% policy for neighborhood interest – the “Blacktop Flyer” has the amendment underlined.

Motion ADM 05000 by Krebs to approve the amendment to the “Blacktop Flyer” changing the neighborhood interest from 75% to 51% to hold a neighborhood meeting. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Krebs - aye; Daly - aye. Motion carries.

D. STAFF AND CONSULTANT REPORTS

12. ENGINEER REPORT

Neighborhood Meeting 159th Ave. & Xingu Street

A neighborhood meeting was held on August 4, 2016 for the road improvement project on Xingu Street from Kettle River Blvd. to 162nd Ave. The number of benefiting parcels invited to the meeting was 15, the number of parcels represented at the meeting was 11. The road improvement project estimated cost was \$149,250, the method of assessment for this project is per lot, the cost to each lot is \$9,950.00. There was an informal vote and 9 of the 11 were in favor of moving to the next step – sending out formal petitions.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve moving to Step 5 – sending out formal petitions for a road improvement project to the abutting benefitting properties on 159th and Xingu (from Kettle River Blvd. to 162nd Ave.) using the per lot method of assessment with the estimated amount of \$9,950.00. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Krebs - aye; Peterson – aye; Daly - aye. Motion carries.

Neighborhood Meeting 165th Ave. & Park Parking Lots

A neighborhood meeting was held on August 4, 2016 for the road improvement project on 165th from Kettle River Blvd to Furman Street. This project was at the direction of the City Council. This project has 21 benefitting parcels. Based on the project limits the construction cost is \$245,300 and would be a per parcel cost of \$11,680.00. There was an informal vote and 4 were in favor and 6 were not in favor. The property owners at the neighborhood meeting felt the entire road should be in the project.

The City Council discussed options for this project and the outcome was that the Public Works Advisory Board would meet and develop an area road paving policy. They will bring the policy back to the City Council at a future meeting.

The next item for discussion was the Park Parking Lots. The total cost to pave the three parking lots is \$106,000. Krebs asked how this project would be funded. Mursko indicated that this project could be funded out of the blacktop fund. Peterson asked whether this could be treated as

a loan from the Blacktop fund to the Parkland Dedication fund and be paid back over time. City Staff can create an interfund load if that is the direction of the City Council. City Council further discussed whether to pave one or all the parking lots. The consensus was to pave just the parking lot off Notre Dame in the sum of \$57,360.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve blacktopping all three park parking lots. Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - nay; Krebs - nay; Daly - nay. Motion failed.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve blacktopping Lot A parking lot off Notre Dame in the sum of \$57,360, funding the project with a interfund loan from the blacktop fund to the parkland dedication fund (parkland dedication loan terms will be determined at a later date). Second by Krebs. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Krebs - aye; Daly - aye. Motion carries.

Update - MnDot Grant for North Hornsby Street

The City received comments from MnDot on the North Hornsby Street grant application. The comments included: funding would not be available for the entire length of Hornsby Street, the width of the improved road could be 32 feet wide not 40 feet wide as in the grant submittal; and street lights for lighting the intersection would need to be installed. Postler will supply additional information to MnDot by next week.

13. ATTORNEY REPORT

Telephony Contract & Resolution

At the last meeting the direction from the City Council was to draft a resolution and agreement that awards the contract for the equipment purchase and service agreement with DAVCO Technologies, Inc.

Motion ADM 05000 by Peterson to approve Resolution No. 16-13; Resolution entering into Telephony Equipment and Services Agreement with Davco Technologies, Inc. Second by Daly. Votes as follows: Peterson - aye; Krebs - aye; Daly - aye. Motion carries.

City Council Salary Ordinance

Discussion was continued until the next meeting as the present members felt a full City Council should be in attendance for this discussion and vote.

15. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Council Member Peterson – No Report.
Council Member Krebs – No Report.
Deputy Mayor Daly – No Report.

16. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No report.

17. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

Receipts: \$ 49,830.81
Disburse: \$ 54,474.53
Balance: \$ 3,114,880.99

Tom Carisle Question

Tom Carisle was in attendance and had a question that is very important to him to get answered tonight about wetland activities in a Type 1 wetland. In his project there are several areas that have type 1 wetlands and he would like to know whether a person can till, farm or graze in a type 1 wetland. He emailed several of the TEP panel members and Mursko this question. RCWD answered his question and he responded with a YES, a person can till, farm and graze in a type 1 wetland, but could not comment of the buffer zone activities. Mursko indicated that the City does have a 16.5 buffer setback from a wetland for structures, land disturbing activities and improvements. The City does require wetland boundary signage as part of the platting process. The property within the protective buffer strip is of natural vegetation. (City does not regulate the type of plantings within the buffer strip).

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator