



City Council

City Council Chambers ♦ 524 West Stephenson Street ♦ Freeport, IL 61032

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor James Gitz with a quorum being present at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015, in council chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor James Gitz and council members Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Mike Koester, and Andrew Chesney (7). Alderperson Klemm was absent upon roll call. See notation for entrance at 5:40 p.m.

City Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Sarah Griffin, City Clerk Meg Zuravel, Finance Director Cynthia Haggard, Public Works Director Tom Dole and Shelly Griswold of Fehr Graham, as Community Development Specialist.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Klemm, chairperson of meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one signed on the sheet for public comments on agenda items this evening.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE 2015-2016 CITY BUDGET – PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

Finance Director Haggard stated she provided to council the 2015-2016 City of Freeport Budget at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 11, 2015 and this is a working preliminary document. She explained that her intent is to continue to have discussion on the budget documents through the end of June and to have the finalized appropriation ordinance prepared for first meeting in July, which would be the first reading of the ordinance on July 6, 2015. She reminded council that this is a draft and it is subject to change as she still has finalized revenue and expenditure numbers coming in.

Finance Director Haggard stated at that meeting council members requested to hear from the Public Works Department and the Community Development Department to have a question and answer session about their budget. The purpose of tonight's discussion will be the two departments requested and she has prepared updated budget documents this afternoon and placed copies on the desks of the council so they have the most up-to-date figures.

Preliminary budget documents were provided at Committee of Whole on May 11, 2015 [view document](#)

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Each council member was provided an opportunity to ask department heads questions regarding the Public Works Department and the Community Development Departments. Discussion was held on department staff count, grant funding, demolitions, capital equipment purchases, and the status for hiring a Community Development Director. There were no final actions of the Committee of the Whole or recommendations to the Freeport City Council.

At 5:40 p.m., Alderperson Klemm entered bringing the number of members present to eight.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

Mayor Gitz noted we will take a break for a couple of minutes before opening the City Council meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

S/ Meg Zuravel
Meg Zuravel, City Clerk