



# Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

Council President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment** (*Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.*)

None.

## New Business

### 1. Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 814-26: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-31 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning Composition of the City Council:

Administrator Amundson shared that this ordinance was introduced to council in 2022, but no action was taken at that time. The only update he is recommending is to language found in Sec. 2-31(2)(b) to allow for completion of applications through the online interest form found on the city website, stating their intent. Alderperson Rostad asked what the next steps would be if applicants do not meet council expectations. Amundson shared that history would dictate just as in a vacant staff position you would essentially start over and re-announce the vacancy. It was also determined that Sec. 2-31(2)(c) and Sec. 2-31(2)(d) could be combined for all applicants. Members agreed to move forward with the changes to the May 5, 2026 Common Council meeting.

### 2. Discussion regarding the purchase of an International Front Plow and Wing with Spreader from Lakeside International in the amount of \$259,524.71:

Amundson shared that \$311,000 is budgeted for the purchase of a plow truck. The previous DPW Director ordered the truck without council authorization to purchase. There were no bid packets found to support this purchase, however it was listed in the Capital Improvement Plan. Director Myrum shared that the truck is ready to be picked up, and it does fit the needs of the department even without a dual axle. It is a good price and if a different truck was ordered now it would take more than a year for delivery. There was some discussion as to the ability to obtain two more quotes in a timely fashion. Members agreed to move forward.

\*NOTE: This item was inadvertently left off of the May 5, 2026 Common Council agenda, and instead, a special council meeting was called for May 7, 2026 to consider and take action.

**3. Discussion regarding DPW/Utility naming and Ordinance No. 815-26: An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-41(b) and to Create Section 102-58(h) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances:**

Amundson noted that this ordinance as drafted would allow Public Works items to first go to the Utility Commission before coming to Council and the naming of the department he is recommending is "Department of Public Works and Utilities." There is a separation of items that belong to Public Spaces for review. Members agreed to move forward to the May 5, 2026 Common Council meeting.

**Convene to Closed Session**

4. Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to convene to closed session per § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically merit pay recommendations for the positions of Admin & Billing Clerk, Maintenance Worker II, Deputy Treasurer, Police Department Administrative Manager, Communications & Economic Development Coordinator, Maintenance Worker I, Recreation Director, City Clerk, Director of Community and Economic Development, Finance Director, Police Lieutenant, Police Chief, City Administrator at 6:55pm. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

**Reconvene to Open Session**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to reconvene into Open Session at 8:11pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 8:12pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

\*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.