



# Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:58pm. The following council members were present Alderperson Molly Finkler, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. ABSENT: Alderperson Sarah Motiff and Council President Amy Roelke.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

## Approval of Agenda

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

**Public Comment:** None.

## Consent Agenda:

1. **Special Committee of the Whole, Council, and Committee of the Whole Minutes 01/07/2025; Special Committee of the Whole, and Council Minutes 01/14/2025.**
2. **Mayoral Appointments to Tourism Commission.**

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. It was noted by Mayor Hammer that the Tourism Commission is the only Commission to have their members appointed annually in January. Motion carried on an unanimous voice vote.

## New Business

3. **Consider and take action regarding Resolution 2-25: Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Powers Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, Stats. (CoW 1/7/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve and adopt Resolution 2-25: Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments under Municipal Police Powers Pursuant to Sec. 66.0703, Stats. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**4. Consider and take action on the Beautification Advisory Board's Proposed Mural at 125 N. Dickason Blvd. (CoW 1/7/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Reid, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Beautification Advisory Board's proposed mural at 125 N. Dickason Blvd. Alder Rostad asked about the questions members had at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting presentation. Amundson shared staff will be addressing the project needs as they occur. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**5. Consider and take action on the City of Columbus Purchasing Policy & Procedures Update (CoW 1/7/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to adopt the City of Columbus Purchasing Policy & Procedures update as presented with the change of the year stated to "2025". Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**6. Consider and take action on the Disposal of Assets Policy Update (CoW 1/7/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Disposal of Assets Policy update. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**7. Consider and take action on the 2025 Fee Schedule (CoW 1/7/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to adopt the 2025 Fee Schedule, then withdrew the motion due to the fact that Treasurer Larson handed out a revised edition of the proposed 2025 Fee Schedule to Council members at the beginning of the discussion. This edition showcased the final changes made with yellow highlights. The changes were for the Cemetery, Recreation and Permit fees. After further discussion of clarification of some Recreation fees, Alderperson Finkler made a motion to approve the 2025 Fee Schedule with the discussed modifications handed out at this meeting. Alderperson Rostad seconded. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**8. Consider and take action on Zoning and Subdivision Code Amendment Request for Proposals (CoW 1/21/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Zoning and Subdivision Code Amendment Request for Proposals (RFP). Alderperson Lawson requested staff to clean up grammatical errors before final copy is issued and shared his findings with staff. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**9. Consider and take action on Cardinal Heights Final Plat:**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Cardinal Heights Final Plat. Motion carried with Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Rostad voting Yea, and Alderperson Reid voting Nay by voice vote.

**10. Consider and take action on ORD.2025-1 Zoning Map Amendment of Cardinal Heights Plat (CoW 1/21/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to suspend the rules for ORD.2025-1 Zoning Map Amendment of Cardinal Heights Plat. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to waive the readings of ORD.2025-1. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adopt ORD.2025-1 Zoning Map Amendment of Cardinal Heights Plat. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**11. Consider and take action on Three Party Design Engineering Services Contract with WI DOT, Fehr Graham, and City of Columbus related to Tower Drive (Faith Drive to CTH K) (CoW 1/21/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Three Party Design Engineering Services Contract with WisDOT, Fehr Graham and the City of Columbus related to Tower Drive (Faith Drive to CTH K) in an amount not to exceed \$86,044. Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Rostad.

**12. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$2,759,286.01:**

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,759,286.01. Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Rostad.

**Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor**

Administrator Amundson had nothing to report. Mayor Hammer shared that our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Roger Venden who has passed. He served on the Utility Commission and spent many years volunteering for the 4th of July Committee. Hammer will be attending the Municipal Electric Utility of Wisconsin Legislative Rally in Madison on February 5th.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 7:36pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

\*These are Draft Minutes to be approved at a future Common Council Meeting.

Susan L. Caine, Clerk