



# Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 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 7:18pm. Members present included Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

## 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 Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item #3 - Consider and Take Action on Ordinance 812-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 86-229 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Removal of Snow around Fire Hydrants. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

## Public Comment

None.

**Department Reports for File** included CAEMS (11/2025), Library (11/2025), and Police (11/2025).

**Consent Agenda** included Committee of the Whole, Common Council and Common Council Workshop Minutes of 12/02/2025.

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

## 3. ~~Consider and take action on Ordinance 812-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 86-229 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning the Removal of Snow around Fire Hydrants (CoW 12/16/25).~~

No action taken.

## New Business

## 4. Consider and take action on the quote for the restoration of 1925 American LaFrance Firetruck to running condition. (CoW 12/16/25):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the restoration of the 1925 American LaFrance Firetruck to running condition in the amount up to \$30,846.93. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

**5. Consider and take action on the Appointment of the 2026 – 2027 Election Inspectors. (CoW 12/16/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the appointment of the 2026 - 2027 Election Inspectors as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote with Alderpersons Finkler and Roelke abstaining due to their appointments.

**6. Consider and take action on Resolution 15-25: A Resolution Accepting Certain Improvements in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin (CoW 12/16/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Res. 15-25: A Resolution Accepting Certain Improvements in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**7. Consider and take action on the letter of credit reduction for Cardinal Heights (CoW 12/16/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Letter of Credit Reduction for Cardinal Heights. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**8. Consider and take action to end cable TV broadcasting operations in 2026 (CoW 12/16/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to end cable TV broadcasting operations on December 31, 2025, and direct staff to move to a streaming mode. Motion carried on a 5-1 voice vote with Alderperson Reid voting Nay.

**9. Consider and take action regarding the 2026 City of Columbus Fee Schedule (CoW 12/16/25):**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve and adopt the 2026 City of Columbus Fee Schedule. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**10. Consider and take action regarding the addendums to the Personnel Handbook for the Library, Police, and Utilities (CoW 10/21/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the Library, Police and Utilities Addendums to the City of Columbus, Wisconsin Personnel Handbook. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**11. Consider and take action to ratify the 2026 Utility Budget (UC 11/20/25):**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to ratify the 2026 Utility Budget. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**12. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$573,431.19:**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$573,431.19. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

**Report of City Officers – Mayor**

Mayor Hammer asked if Riddle had anything to share. She thanked City staff and any Council Members who attended the City Staff Holiday Lunch. Mayor Hammer shared there are currently positions available on the Plan Commission and the Public Spaces Committee. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to apply. It was great to see everyone who showed up for the Holiday Train event this year. It was great to see all of the families. He urged residents to continue supporting the Columbus-Fall River Food Pantry. Hammer also wished everyone a Merry and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:27pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Susan L. Caine, Clerk