



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 02, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Committee President Molly Finkler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. 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.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

None.

New Business

1. Discussion and consideration of an Encroachment Agreement between the City of Columbus and Keith and Andrea Loppnow:

Mike Kornmann, Community and Economic Development Director, shared that this Encroachment Agreement is for parcel 45.03, one of the oldest in the city. Keith and Andrea Loppnow are renovating the building located on the property. The building is built up to the right of way line and the main floor is a couple of feet above the sidewalk grade. Current access to the commercial portion of the building is via existing stairs located in the right of way. The owners would like to recreate the original entrance near the corner of N. Dickason Blvd. and Mill Street. There is nineteen feet between the building and the curb and the steps will only be four feet deep. The agreement gives access into the building until renovation is complete. Committee members agreed to move forward to the September 2, 2025 Common Council meeting.

2. Discussion regarding an ordinance to repeal and recreate provisions of Sec. 86-191 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning requirements for driveways:

Amundson shared that this ordinance is an attempt to clean up several provisions of Section 86-191 concerning requirements for driveways. After discussion, Committee Members decided to send the draft ordinance back to legal for further additions and clarifications.

3. Discussion of approval of job description for Utility Director and authorization to fill vacancy:

After review of minor adjustments to the job description of the Utility Director, Committee Members agreed to move forward to the September 2, 2025, Common Council meeting for a vote.

Convene to Closed Session

- 4. Convene to closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data for any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Columbus Police Local WPPA #237 negotiations).**

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to convene into Closed Session at 6:39pm. Motion carried on a 7-0 Roll Call vote. Police Chief Weiner was asked to stay for the discussion.

Voting Yea: Mayor Hammer, Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote at 7:27pm.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adjourn at 7:28pm. 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.

Respectfully Submitted by
Susan L. Caine, Clerk