



Common Council Workshop Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the Council Workshop to order at 7:27pm. 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.

Discussion Items

1. The topic being discussed at the workshop was the 2026 Budget:

Administrator Amundson shared some highlights with Council members. This draft budget is not complete as some revenue and expense item numbers have not been received yet. The Police Department has two squads expensed in 2026, so that the 2027 model can be pre-ordered. The Pickleball project at Columbus Country Club will be postponed until 2027, and there is a new 10-year Streets Plan. Alderperson Meier asked if members could receive a flat fee projection on Stormwater funding. Staff will send that out to members. Wages shown include a 3% Cost of Living increase across the board, and the discussed Police Department increase.

There will be a Presentation of the 2026 Budget with the Department Heads on October 7, 2025.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 8:10pm. 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.

Draft by Clerk, Susan L. Caine