



# Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

## Roll Call

### PRESENT

Joe Hammer  
Molly Finkler  
Michael Thom  
Reagan Rule  
Brook Andler  
Sandy Curtis

## Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was posted in accordance to law.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hammer to approve the agenda with the removal of the minutes of November 7th from the consent agenda and have them on the December agenda, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

## Public Comment

Jack Sanderson spoke in favor of removing flouride from the water in Columbus and shared resources supporting his stance with the Commission.

## Consent Agenda

The minutes of November 7, 2024 were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Nov 7, 2024
2. Utility Outage Reports:
  - Electrical Outage: October 26, 2024 - 9:28AM.
3. Approve the Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report - Discussion/Approval

## Unfinished Business

4. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget

Motion made by Hammer to approve the electric budget with the changes discussed, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

5. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget

Motion made by Hammer to approve the water utility budget, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

6. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget

Motion made by Hammer to approve the Wastewater Utility budget, Seconded by Thom.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

7. Rental of John Deere 624P for 2025 and Purchase in 2026 via CIP for WWTP

Motion made by Thom to approve the rental for 2025 and purchase in 2026, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

**New Business**

8. Annual Election of Commission Officers

Motion made by Hammer to nominate Michael Thom as President, Sandy Curtis as Vice President, and Brook Andler as Secretary, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

9. Approval to Purchase (6) PT's for Substation #4

Motion made by Thom to approve purchase in the amount of \$10,508.58, Seconded by Curtis.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

10. Authorization to withdraw funds from the Utility General Fund LGIP # 13 to pay off balance of Truck Loan with Farmer's and Merchants Bank per the payoff quote.

Motion made by Finkler to approve payoff per quote, Seconded by Thom.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

**Reports**

11. MEUW - November Live Lines

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Finkler to adjourn at 6:52pm, Seconded by Curtis.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

Next Columbus Utilities Commission Meeting: December 19, 2024 City Hall Council Chambers 105 N. Dickason Blvd

\*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.

These minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.