



Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Michael Thom.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Joe Hammer, Molly Finkler, Michael Thom, Reagan Rule, Brook Andler, and Jack Sanderson. Sandy Curtis was excused from attending the meeting.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Hammer to approve the agenda.
Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Finkler to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of April 17, 2025 and the Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report.

Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

1. Approval of April 17, 2025 meeting minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report

Consider and take action on 2025 Water Simplified Rate Case application.

3. Consider and take action on Task Order No. 2025-CU02 Water Plant 3 Preliminary Siting Study in the amount of \$32,761.

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Rule to approve Task Order No. 2025-CU02 for \$32,761.

Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler

Voting Nay on a Roll Call Vote: Sanderson

4. Consider and Take Action on Task Order No. 2025-CU03 for Water Plant 2 Reliability in the amount of \$68,650.

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Hammer to approve Task Order No. 2025-CU03 for Water Plant 2 Reliability for \$68,650.

Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

5. Consider and take action on quote from T & D Products to replace 4 bushings on substation 3 in the amount of \$19,944.

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Andler to award quote to T& D Products for \$19,944.
Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

6. Consider and take action on 2025 Water Simplified Rate Case application.

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Rule to approve submission of 2025 Water Simplified Rate Case application.

Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

7. Consider and take action on 2025 borrowing for Utilities

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Thom to forward the project list to Ehlers for review and recommendation regarding future borrowing.

Voting Yea on a Roll Call Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

Reports

Amundson highlighted the typical bill comparison and discussed safety awards received by Columbus Utilities and recent mutual support to Juneau.

8. Utilities Department Report

9. 2025 Typical Bill Comparison

10. Orientation to WPPI Invitation

11. May 2025 Live Lines

Adjourn

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Hammer to adjourn at 6:46 pm.

Voting Yea on a Voice Vote: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Sanderson

*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 review and approval at the next meeting of the Commission.