



# Common Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 08, 2026 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

## Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 8:21pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Alderperson Michael Lawson was excused.

## 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 no action to be taken on Items #4, and 5, and to move Item #9: Consider and take action regarding a Conditional Use Permit for an RV Staging Area - Parcel 1512.18 located on Commerce Drive (Robbins Creek Commerce Center) to follow the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment** (*Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.*)

None.

**Committee Minutes for File** included Library (02/17/2026), PFC (02/04/2026), and Recreation (02/09/2026).

## Consent Agenda

2. Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Common Council Meeting minutes of 03/17/2026. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

## New Business

9. **Consider and take action regarding a conditional use permit for RV staging area – Parcel 1512.18 located on Commerce Drive (Robbins Creek Commerce Center) (PC 03/12/26):**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an RV Staging Area on Parcel 1512.18 located on Commerce Drive - Robbins Creek Commerce Center.

CED Kornmann clarified that this is considered an area of display of merchandise, not a parking lot, and shared that the conditions are listed within the CUP.

Aldersperson Meier amended the motion to include "with all conditions (A - J) that were approved by Plan Commission on 03/12/2026." Seconded by Council President Finkler.

Aldersperson Reid asked about liability regarding the water table in the area. Kornmann clarified that if she was referring to the Stormwater Permit, that is not included in this conditional use permit. Ruckert-Mielke has reviewed this and the stormwater detention ponds will be sufficient to serve that area of impervious surface.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**3. Consider and take action on the Preliminary Assessments for the 2026 West School Street Reconstruction project (PH 04/08/26):**

Motion made by Aldersperson Rostad, Seconded by Finkler to approve the Preliminary Assessments for the 2026 West School Street Reconstruction project.

Mayor Hammer reminded all that there were questions/concerns raised during the Public Hearing by Sarah Motiff and Jeremy Roll regarding their corner lots and recent (within the last 6 years) reconstruction at 334 W. School Street recently paid for by homeowners and how they all would be financially affected. Further discussion by members resulted in the motion being withdrawn with no action taken.

**4. Consider and take action on award of bid for the Reconstruction of W. School Street to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,755,700 (CoW 4/8/26):**

No action taken.

**5. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-04 with Ruckert-Mielke for construction-related services for W School Street (CoW 4/8/26):**

No action taken.

**6. Consider and take action on Resolution 08-26: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$5,280,000 Electric and Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (CC 03/03/26):**

Greg Johnson from Ehlers shared the bond sale results from earlier in the day with Council members. The final true interest costs came in lower than the previous estimate thereby lowering the total debt service cost. The winning bid was received from Baird at \$4,960,000. Motion made by Aldersperson Meier, Seconded by Aldersperson Roelke to adopt Resolution 08-26 in the amount of \$4,960,000. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

**7. Consider and take action on Resolution 09-26: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$5,830,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026B (CC 03/03/26):**

Greg Johnson from Ehlers shared the bond sale results from earlier in the day with Council members. The final true interest costs came in lower than the previous estimate thereby lowering the total debt service cost. The winning bid was received from Baird at \$5,750,000. Motion made by Aldersperson Meier, Seconded by Aldersperson Roelke to adopt Resolution 09-26 in the amount of \$5,750,000. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

**8. Consider and take action regarding Wisconsin Department of Transportation Functional Classification System for Columbus Fall River (CoW 4/8/26):**

Motion made by Aldersperson Rostad, Seconded by Aldersperson Reid to approve the WI DOT's Functional Classification System for Columbus Fall River, presented as Resolution 07-26: Approval of Changes to the Columbus Fall River Functional Classification System. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**9. Consider and take action regarding a conditional use permit for RV staging area – Parcel 1512.18 located on Commerce Drive (Robbins Creek Commerce Center). (PC 03/12/26):**

See above.

**10. Consider and take action regarding Rest Haven alteration previously approved by the Council (CC 01/06/26):**

Kornmann shared that HLPC has been fundraising for the restoration of Rest Haven, which was built in 1923. They are wishing to add on to the original project regarding front door replacement with handicap accessibility approved by Council. They now wish to include replacement of the side entrance doors making them the handicap entrance instead, while still replacing the front door. This increases the total cost, and HLPC is requesting the approved monies be increased up to \$50,000. Ruth Hermanson also shared details of the improved design.

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve as presented. Alderperson Meier questioned if this request now needed three competitive bids as the dollar amount now exceeds \$25,000. If the front doors were replaced as a "Phase 1" of the total project, they would have to conform to the ADA laws and be replaced with handicap accessibility. Administrator Amundson would like City Attorney Johnson to weigh in on how to proceed and he outlined how he would like to see the process flow from idea to completion. Alderperson Meier withdrew his motion, seconded by Finkler. Council approved on a unanimous voice vote. Amundson will follow up with Attorney Johnson.

**11. Consider and take action on Claims in the amount of \$270,208.67:**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the claims in the amount of \$270,208.67. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

**Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor**

Amundson thanked Clerk Caine and an army of volunteers for a successful election day. Caine shared that 1391 voters turned out which is 42% of the registered voters. A great turnout for a spring election.

Mayor Hammer also thanked Caine and her crew, and the voters. He congratulated the Columbus Archery Team for their great showing at State and many participants will be moving forward to Nationals. This Sunday, April 12, 2026 is the Annual Fireman Department's Pancake Breakfast. There is a vacancy on the HLPC and two on the Tourism Committee.

District 1 Alders, Amundson and the Mayor will be participating in a neighborhood walk on April 9, 2026 beginning at City Hall at 5:00pm. The other Districts will have their walks in the next couple of weeks. More information is on the website.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adjourn at 9:23pm. 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.