



Common Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

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 Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the meeting agenda with the removal of Items #7, and #8 and to move Item # 14: Consider and take action regarding the Development Agreement between the City and Lamps Landing LLC - Parcel 1114.1 to follow Item #3. 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.

Department Reports for File included Community & Economic Development (03/2026), Finance (01/2026), (02/2026), and (03/2026), Library (03/2026), Police (03/2026).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the consent agenda which included the Public Hearing, and Committee of the Whole ~~and Common Council Meeting Minutes~~ from 04/08/2026; Street Closing Application from Columbus Chamber of Commerce for Red Bud Days on May 9, 2026; Temporary Class "B" Alcohol License for St. Jerome's monthly Bingo nights; and Mayoral Appointments. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

3. Election of Council President:

Mayor Hammer read the rules and called for nominations for the Council President position. Alderperson Rostad nominated Alderperson Finkler. Hearing no more nominations, nominations were closed and a secret ballot election took place.

Alderperson Finkler received three (5) votes. Alderperson Finkler was declared the winner and the next Council President for the City of Columbus.

14. Consider and take action regarding the development agreement between the City and Lamps Landing LLC – Parcel 114.1. (CC 02/17/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Columbus and Lamps Landing LLC for parcel #1114.1 on Tower Drive. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Consider and take action on Resolution 10-26: A Resolution Ratifying Resolutions 08-26 and 09-26 Approving Bond Sales adopted on April 8,2026. (CC 04/08/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to adopt Resolution 10-26: A Resolution Ratifying Resolutions 08-26 and 09-26 Approving Bond Sales adopted on April 8,2026. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote at 6:52pm.

5. Consider and take action on Request for Proposals (RFP) related to legal services. (CoW 04/08/26):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the RFP for Legal Services. It was noted that requested changes from the draft copy reviewed on April 8, 2026 were included allowing flexibility to allow a separate proposal for prosecution services. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to accept the Preliminary Assessments for the 2026 West School Street Reconstruction project. Alderperson Rostad shared that he met with his constituents at 411 Hibbard Street and wanted to clarify their request regarding sidewalk re-installation on the northern side of their property which the city previously installed and paid for during the Hibbard Street reconstruction. When it was installed, it was at 4', which means it will have to be removed and reinstalled during this years' project, in order to widen. They would like to know if they will be responsible for full payment. Engineer Leitha confirmed they will be assessed at 50% of the cost. The credit policy does not apply in this case since there was no cost to the homeowner originally. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. 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 04/08/26):

No action taken.

8. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-04 with Ruckert-Mielke for construction-related services for W School Street in an amount not to exceed \$238,700. (CoW 04/08/26):

No action taken.

9. Consider and take action on the job description and compensation for the Public Works Utilities Director. (UC 04/16/26):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad with flexibility of a title to be decided at a later date. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

10. Consider and take action on the creation of a Utilities Assistant Director and approval of the job description and authorization to begin the recruitment process. (UC 04/16/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the creation of a Utilities Assistant Director and approval of the job description and authorization to begin the recruitment process. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

11. Consider and take action on Request for Proposals (RFP) related to Auditing Services. (CoW 04/21/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the RFP related to Auditing Services. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

12. Consider and take action on the award of quote to Peak Garage Doors for Fire Department Apparatus Bay Door Opener & Springs Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$9,115. (CoW 04/21/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to award Peak Garage Doors their quote in the amount of \$9,115 to replace the Fire Department apparatus bay door opener and springs replacement. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

13. Consider and take action on Lease Agreement for the Community Garden. (CoW 04/21/26):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the Lease Agreement for the Community Garden with the addition of required clean up at the end of the season. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

14. Consider and take action regarding the development agreement between the City and Lamps Landing LLC – Parcel 114.1. (CC 02/17/26):

See above.

15. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$479,249.97:

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$479,249.97. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson thanked Randy Myrum and staff in assisting in storm cleanup. 27 homes lost electricity and lots of trees came down. The Pavilion's roof suffered roof damage and lost its' chimney and shingles.

Mayor Hammer also thanked the Police and Fire departments for their assistance during the storms.

Chief Weiner announced that Saturday, April 25, 2026 is Drug Take-Back Day at the Police Department.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 7:12pm. 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.