



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, 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 Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Department Reports for File included: Fire (04/2025), Library (04/2025), Police (04/2025).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the Consent Agenda which included Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of 04/24/2025; Special Committee of the Whole and Common Council Meeting Minutes of 05/06/2025, Approval of Road Closures for Memorial Day Parade (05/26/2025), and 4th of July Parade (07/04/2025), Approval of Fireworks Permit - Spectrum Pyrotechnics - Fireman's Park, Columbus 4th of July Celebration on 07/04/25 (rain date: 07/05/25), and Approval of Temporary Class "B" Licenses (Picnic Licenses) for CHLPC Summer Concert Series, and Columbus 4th of July Inc.. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinances – First Reading (Final action may be taken by a motion to suspend the rules and waive the readings under City of Columbus Ordinance Sec 2-46)

6. Consider and take action on Ordinance 800-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-558(b) Concerning Legal Custodians of Records. (CoW 05/20/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to waive the readings of Ordinance 800-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-558(b) Concerning Legal Custodians of Records. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adopt Ordinance 800-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-558(b) Concerning Legal Custodians of Records pending final review by City Administrator. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Consider and take action on ORD.801-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of Sec. 14-19 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning the Keeping of Chickens (CoW 05/06/25):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to waive the readings of Ordinance 801-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of Sec. 14-19 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning the Keeping of Chickens. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Ordinance 801-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of Sec. 14-19 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning the Keeping of Chickens.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke

Voting Nay: Alderperson Rostad

8. Consider and take action on Ordinance 802-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 66-180 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning the Regulation of Electronic Smoking Devices and Electronic Smoking Device Paraphernalia. (CoW 05/06/25):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to waive the readings of Ordinance 802-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 66-180 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning the Regulation of Electronic Smoking Devices and Electronic Smoking Device Paraphernalia. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adopt Ordinance 802-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 66-180 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning the Regulation of Electronic Smoking Devices and Electronic Smoking Device Paraphernalia. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

9. Consider and take action on ORD. 803-25: An Ordinance to Revise Sec. 18-578 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances. (PC 05/08/25):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Council President Finkler to waive the readings of 803-25: An Ordinance to Revise Sec. 18-578 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Ordinance 802-25: An Ordinance to Create Sec. 66-180 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning the Regulation of Electronic Smoking Devices and Electronic Smoking Device Paraphernalia.

An Amended motion was made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to send the ordinance back to the Plan Commission and ask them to review acreage requirements, commercial versus residential property requirements, and to define 'a yard'.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Roelke, Alderperson Rostad

Voting Nay: Alderperson Reid

New Business:

10. Consider and take action on a request from Doylestown Fire Department for exemption from Sec. 66-216(b) of the municipal code to hold a gun raffle fundraiser at Fireman's Park pavilion in April (Spring) 2026:

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the exemption for the Doylestown Fire Department. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Consider & take action on Claims in the amount of \$344,593.67:

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Council President Finkler to pay the Claims in the amount of \$344,593.67. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call Vote.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, Alderperson Rostad

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

City Administrator Amundson highlighted his recent attendance at the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) Conference in LaCrosse. At the conference, Columbus Utilities was presented with the Gold level of Safety Achievement Award. Amundson recognized Columbus Utilities for responding to recent severe weather events and assistance provided in restoring power in Juneau.

Mayor Hammer echoed Amundson's comments and added that Columbus Utilities was also recognized by the American Public Power Association (APPA) with the Safety Award of Excellence.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Reid, Seconded by Council President Finkler to adjourn at 6:59 pm. 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.