



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

Council President Molly Finkler and Alderperson Amy Roelke were 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 Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Swearing in of new full time Police Officer - Andrew Collicot

Police Chief Weiner introduced the City's newest Police Officer, Andrew Collicot, to the public and shared that with this hire the City's Police Department is fully staffed for the first time in five years. All other officers were on hand for the event. Clerk Caine then swore in Officer Collicot and his father, performed the pinning of his badge.

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.)*

Darren Schroeder - W1512 State Road 60, Columbus - spoke on behalf of the improvements in Columbia County during his tenure as a County Board Supervisor for District 20. Schroeder shared he is running for re-election.

Department Reports for File included CAEMS (02/2026), Community Economic Dev. (02/2026), CFD (01-2026, 02-2026), Library (02/2026), PD (02/2026).

Consent Agenda

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

New Business

3. Consider and take action on the Recreation Department Refund and Cancellation Policy. (RC 03/09/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adopt the Recreation Department's Refund and Cancellation Policy.

Recreation Director Amy Jo Meyers gave a brief overview of the newly developed Recreation Department Refund and Cancellation Policy. This policy establishes clear guidelines for refunds, account credits, program cancellations, and special events, and provides consistency.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Consider and take action on the Recreation Program Support Fund. (RC 03/09/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the Recreation Program Support Fund.

Recreation Director, Meyers shared that the program's Support Fund is designed to assist families with financial hardships that would like to participate in the recreation programs. This program would create a sustainable and accountable method to provide financial assistance while helping offset lost revenue associated with fee waivers. Meyers also shared that she would like to see the unused customer account credits rollover into the fund after one year. The committee will continue to discuss specific policies and bring them back to council for consideration.

Motion carries on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$2,879,203.06:

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to pay the claims in the amount of \$2,879,203.06. Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Administrator Amundson complemented and shared his appreciation for the Public Works and Utilities staff in their efforts during the weather event over the weekend. Their clean up has continued into this week and he feels they have done an outstanding job.

Mayor Hammer reminded everyone that Friday, March 20th is Fred Dartt Day in the City of Columbus. He also thanked all of the crews that worked on the snow event clean up, and he shared congratulations to the Fall River Girls Basketball team for making it to the 2026 State Playoffs. Hammer also wished all of our citizens a blessed and Happy Easter!

Convene to Closed Session

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to Convene into Closed Session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically the annual performance review of the City Administrator at 6:45pm. Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to Reconvene into Open Session at 7:33pm. Motion carried on a 4-0 Roll Call vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to adjourn at 7:34pm. 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.