



# Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 03, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

Council President Finkler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Guests included City Attorney, Paul Johnson, and Greg Johnson and Ariana Schmidt from Ehlers, Inc.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the 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.

## New Business

### 1. Discussion regarding Ordinance 813-26 to Repeal Sections 30-51 through 30-53 of the City Code and to Create Sections 30-51 through 30-54 of the City Code Concerning the Management of Hillside Cemetery:

Administrator Amundson shared that City Attorney, Paul Johnson, was present to answer any questions or assist with the discussion. Committee members agreed that Sec. 30-52(b) regarding fees could be removed from the final copy. Fees for all city departments in the Fee Schedule are approved by Common Council annually. It was also requested that the scheduling of the Chapel should be handled by the City Admin and Billing Clerk (Sec. 30-52(8)(c)(2)).

Alderperson Rostad asked members if this ordinance is approved that either Alderperson Meier or Council President Finkler replace him on the Hillside Cemetery Association. Members also discussed how the financials will be tracked. Finance Director Riddle explained that the Cemetery funds are already within the City budgeting under Fund 235, and going forward the donations will be tracked by staff.

Committee members agreed to move forward to the March 3, 2026 Common Council meeting.

### 2. Discussion regarding tasking the Community Development Authority to provide a Feasibility Report on the Development Opportunities for 1149 W. James Street:

Amundson shared that Alderperson Lawson had discussed with him tasking the Community Development Authority (CDA) with providing a report of the best use of the site located at 1149 W. James Street and sharing such report with Council. Members agreed to allow the CDA to review this project, develop a timeline, and report back to Council after their next scheduled meeting on

March 16, 2026. Members agreed to move forward to the March 3, 2026 Common Council meeting.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adjourn at 6:52pm. 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.