



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 01, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:41pm. 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 Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Committee Minutes for File included Library (05/20/25), Tourism (02/03/25), (03/03/25), (04/07/25), (05/05/25).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Committee of the Whole and Common Council Meeting Minutes of 06/17/2025, and approval of a Temporary "Class B" Wine and Class "B" Beer Alcohol Beverage License to the Tri-County Odd Fellows Lodge #40 for the Oddtoberfest on 09/27/2025 to be held at the Fireman's Park Pavilion. 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):

4. Consider and take action on Ordinance 803-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of Sec. 18-578 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning Property Maintenance. (PC 06/12/2025)

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to suspend the rules per Sec. 2-46. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to waive the readings of Ordinance 803-25 per Sec. 2-46. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adopt Ordinance 803-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Certain Provisions of Sec. 18-578 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning Property Maintenance. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Consider and take action on Ordinance 806-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sec. 106-126 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Appointment of the Weed Commissioner. (CoW 06/17/2025):

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to suspend the rules per Sec. 2-46. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Council President Finkler to waive the readings of Ordinance 806-25 per Sec. 2-46. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Ordinance 806-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sec. 106-126 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Appointment of the Weed Commissioner with the addition of the verbiage "or his/her designee". Amundson shared that concerns raised during the previous discussion at the prior Council meeting where no action was taken. After staff discussion of the concerns with the City Attorney, the recommendation is to adopt this ordinance as written so as not to leave this appointment as unattended if there is no one serving as the DPW Director in the future.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to amend their original motion and adopt Ordinance 806-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sec. 106-126 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Appointment of the Weed Commissioner as presented. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

6. Consider and take action on Meeting Date Change for August 5, 2025 Council Meetings due to National Night Out. (CoW 7/1/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to move the August 5, 2025 Council meetings to Wednesday, August 6, 2025 due to National Night Out. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Consider and take action on quotes received from Great Lakes Roofing for the Community Center roof in the amount of \$52,500. (CoW 07/01/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to award Great Lakes Roofing the quote for furnishing and installing Permaseal Hot-Air seam welded reinforced membrane to the Community Center roof in the amount of \$52,500.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

8. Consider and take action to approve the Certified Survey Map for Prairie Ridge Health. (PC 06/12/2025):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Certified Survey Map for Prairie Ridge Health per the recommendation by the Plan Commission. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

9. Consider and take action on Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance 2025-2 – Prairie Ridge Health. (PC 06/12/2025):

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to adopt Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance 2025-2 for Prairie Ridge Health as recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

10. Consider and take action on Recommendation of Award for the 2025 Crack Sealing Program to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the amount of \$27,772. (Cow 07/01/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to award the 2025 Crack Sealing Program to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the amount of \$27,772. Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

11. Consider and take action on Recommendation of Award for the 2025 Slurry Sealing Program to Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$49,424.10. (CoW 07/01/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to award the 2025 Slurry Sealing Program to Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$49,424.10. Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

12. Discussion concerning various options for the location of a new Public Safety Building and possible decision to pursue one specific location:

Amundson shared that the next step in the feasibility and analysis of the Public Safety project is to identify a site for the new building. Staff has been in preliminary discussions with a property owner on Park Avenue adjacent to Highway 151. He asked the members to go into closed session later in the meeting to discuss.

13. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$422,764.60:

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the Claims in the amount of \$422,764.60. Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Police Chief Weiner, Mayor

Amundson thanked the Council members and staff for their participation in the Leadership Retreat held on June 24, 2025. The facilitators were very impressed with our team and the comradery shown. He wished the community a safe and Happy 4th of July and celebration of Independence Day.

Police Chief Dennis Weiner reminded everyone that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 5:30pm until 8:00pm in Fireman's Park. This year there will be a food drive for the Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry during the event. He thanked Council for changing the meeting date that week.

Mayor Hammer also wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Convene to Closed Session per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss negotiation strategy of a specific parcel as identified by the Council.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to convene into Closed Session at 7:00pm. Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Council President Finkler to reconvene into Open Session at 7:47pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:47pm. 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.