



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

The Common Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Hammer at 6:50pm. The following members were present: Alderperson Molly Finkler, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, 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 Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the meeting's agenda.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole, Regular Council Meeting, and Committee of the Whole Meeting from September 3, 2024, approval of the Mayoral Appointments of Amy Hernandez to the Beautification Advisory Board, and Sandy Curtis to the Columbus Utility Commission, and approval of a Street Closing for the Columbus Fire Department Open House to be held on October 6, 2024.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

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)

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to suspend the rules as per City Ordinance Sec. 2-46.

Voting Yea by Roll Call vote: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to waive the readings as per City Ordinance Sec. 2-46.

Voting Yea by Roll Call vote: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve Ordinance 796-24: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Chapter 26 Cable Communications.

Voting Yea by Roll Call vote: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

4. Ordinance 796-24 Repeal and Recreate Chapter 26 Cable Communications

New Business

5. Purchase of Felling Tilt Deck Trailer

Upon considering the purchase of the Felling Tilt Deck Trailer from Mid-State at a cost of \$15,454, a motion was made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve said purchase.

Voting Yea by Roll Call vote: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

6. Consider and take action on Resolution 4-24: to Create Tax Incremental Financing District #7 as recommended by Plan Commission

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve Resolution 4-24: to Create Tax Incremental Financing District #7, as recommended by Plan Commission.

Alderperson Reid was not comfortable with taking a vote at this time and felt that more time be taken by council to review and discuss the district plan/project.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad.

Voting Nay: Alderperson Reid.

Motion carried.

7. Consider and take action on Resolution 5-24: Exempting the Municipality from Paying Columbia County Library Tax in 2025

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve Resolution 5-24: Exempting the City of Columbus from paying Columbia County Library Tax in 2025.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

8. Consider and take action on Claims in the amount of \$346,386.77

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Claims in the amount of \$346,386.77.

Voting Yea by Roll Call vote: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson shared that the 2025 Budget discussion will begin at the October 1, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, along with discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan. He is looking forward to attending the ICMA Conference next week and appreciates the opportunity to confer with other city administrators throughout the event. Mayor Hammer publicly extended our sympathies and prayers to the family affected by the fire call on September 13, 2024. He thanked the Fire Department and Police Department who responded to the call, as well. The Rotary Club and Tourism Commission held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Kayak Lift rental unit at Rotary Park which was well attended.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

*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.