



Community Development Authority Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Determination of Quorum

A quorum consisted of Hackman, Meier, Decker, Meyers, Weinberger, Lawson, and Friederich. Staff liaison Bennett was present.

Notice of Open Meeting

Bennett stated the meeting was properly noticed.

Approval of Agenda

Meier motioned to approve the agenda with the amended swap of items 10 and 11 along with a second by Lawson. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Weinberger motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes
2. Financial Report
3. Presentation and discussion regarding activity report

Unfinished Business

No items for unfinished business.

New Business

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Façade Grant Application for 116 W James Street – Holistic Life Chiropractic

The CDA reviewed the facade grant application from Holistic Life Chiropractic at 116 W. James St. The application is for awnings and banners. There was discussion about the added cost of the awning installation with Janell Voelker, the applicant.

Meier motioned to approve the facade grant request for up to \$3,839.15, with a second by Lawson. Roll call vote: Friederich - aye, Lawson - aye, Weinberger - aye, Meyers - aye, Decker - aye, Meier - aye, and Hackman - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion regarding First Impression Visit to Dodgeville

Bennett gave a recap of the visit to Dodgeville, WI as part of the First Impressions Program. Bennett stated a delegation from Dodgeville will have visited Columbus and give reciprocal feedback that will be part of a report that Columbus can use for various development purposes.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the business, retention, and expansion program.

Bennett presented the Business Retention and Expansion Program which highlighted its objectives, team, priorities, and listed initial business visits for 2025. The program aims to build relationships between the City and local businesses and will rotate visits. Initially, the City will visit large employers and plans to have the team visit a variety of local businesses. The CDA did not take any potential action.

7. Review by-laws.

Bennett presented the current by-laws for CDA. Discussion primarily focused on reducing the number of officers, specifically, eliminating the Treasurer of the CDA. Staff will review any State Statutes regarding CDA officers if any. There was clarification needed in section 6 of the by-laws regarding potential creation of subcommittees. Staff will review rules regarding public hearings as clarification is needed regarding what triggers them and how they relate to other Zoning Ordinances. The CDA would like to address section 12 of its by-laws regarding amending rules to better clarify if needing all members present to vote or a majority of the quorum in attendance. The CDA would like to review by-laws at future meetings.

8. Election of officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Meyers was elected to Chair, Lawson elected to Vice Chair, and Hackman elected to Secretary and Treasurer.

9. Convene to Closed Session per 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically regarding 103 N. Ludington Street.

Motion by Meier with a second by Weinberger to convene to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Reconvene in open session.

Motion by Meyers with a second by Meier to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Any action deemed necessary from closed session.

Meier motioned to recommend to Council to purchase 103 N. Ludington St. for \$95,000 and giving the property owner 72 hours to accept or decline the offer. Decker seconded. Roll call vote: Weinberger - aye, Meyers - aye, Decker - aye, Meier - aye, Hackman - aye, Friederich - aye, and Lawson - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports

No additional items added for future agendas.

Adjourn

Lawson motioned to adjourn with a second by Meier. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 7:35pm.