



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, and Alderperson Amy Roelke.

ABSENT

Alderperson Ryan Rostad was 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 Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the agenda with the addition of moving Item #5: Consider and take action on approval of the Preliminary Special Assessment Report for the 2025 Brookside Land Residential Street and Utility Improvement Project to follow Item #1: Department Reports for File. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment (*Please Note: City residents can address the City Council on one or more topics for up to three minutes.*)

None.

Department Reports for File included Fire (05/2025), Police (05/2025).

New Business:

5. Consider and take action on approval of the Preliminary Special Assessment Report for the 2025 Brookside Lane Residential Street and Utility Improvement Project. (CoW 01/07/2025)

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Preliminary Special Assessment Report for the 2025 Brookside Lane Residential Street and Utility Improvement Project. Alder Meier asked if the Council needed to discuss the concerns brought forth this evening regarding trees. Administrator Amundson shared that the Public Works Director, Duane Millard has been in conversation with Ruekert-Mielke regarding trees and they have been reviewing the sidewalk layout. If needed any action items will be brought back to Council at a future date. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Committee of the Whole and Common Council Meeting minutes from 06/03/2025, and Mayoral Appointments of Denise Meir to the Public Spaces Committee and Rolf Lang to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 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 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)**

No vote was taken at this time. Review of the Weed Commissioner appointment will be reviewed by the city attorney as per the June 17, 2025 discussion of the Committee of the Whole.

New Business, cont'd:

- 6. Consider and take action on "Class A" Alcohol License Applications for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 which include: Jose Roberto Alvarado, Owner dba Blanca's Mexican Store; Chestor Bandits Store Inc dba Chestor Bandits Store; Columbus Market LLC; Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #10422; Kwik Trip, Inc. dba Kwik Trip #808; Liberty Square Gas Station, Inc. dba Refuel Pantry – Columbus West; Ultra Mart Foods, LLC dba Pick 'n Save #392; and Walgreen Co dba Walgreens #10396. (CoW 06/17/2025)**

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the listed "Class A" Alcohol License Applications for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 pending final approval by Clerk Caine once all documentation has been completed and received by applicants and processed. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- 7. Consider and take action on "Class B" Alcohol License Applications for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 which include: Jamesco, Inc dba Cardinal Cage; Columbus Country Club, Inc. dba Columbus Country Club; Columbus Family Restaurant, LLC dba Columbus Family Restaurant; Hui Yang, Agent dba Hachi Hachi Sushi & Hibachi; Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC dba Kestrel Ridge Golf Course; Magnolia I. Fuentes, Owner dba Magnolia's Grill and Bar; MP's Town Tap. LLC dba MP's Town Tap; Tequilas Bar & Grill, LLC dba Tequilas Bar & Grill; and Wisco Cheese & Cheers Bistro dba Cheese & Cheers Bistro. (CoW 06/17/2025)**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the listed "Class B" Alcohol License Applications for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, pending final approval by Clerk Caine once all documentation has been completed and received by applicants and processed. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- 8. Consider and take action on Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application for Licensing period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, for Columbus Transport Co., Inc. dba Kurth Brewery. (CoW 06/17/2025)**

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the listed Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License Application from Columbus Transport Co., Inc. dba Kurth Brewery for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- 9. Consider and take action on Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Applications for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 licensing period for Chestor Bandits Store, Inc.; Columbus Market, LLC, Dolgencorp, LLC dba Dollar General Store #10422; Jamesco, Inc. dba The Cardinal Cage; Kestrel Golf Properties, LLC dba Kestrel Ridge Golf Course; Kwik Trip #808; Last Minute Vape; Liberty Square Gas Station, LLC dba Refuel Pantry - Columbus West; Tobacco and Vape Marketplace, LLC dba Smoke World Vape; and Walgreens #10396. Last Minute Vape and Tobacco and Vape Marketplace, LLC dba Smoke World Vape. (CoW 06/17/2025)**

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the listed Cigarette, Tobacco and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Applications for the licensing period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, pending final approval by Clerk Caine once all

documentation has been completed and received by applicants and processed. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

10. Consider and take action on the nonresident fee policy for Recreation programs (RAC 6/9/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the updated Non-Resident Fee Policy for Recreation Programs which exempts current Community Center programming fee differences at this time. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Consider and take action on the purchase of four used, partially equipped Police Squad Vehicles from B & B in the amount of \$25,000. (CoW 06/17/2025)

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve the purchase of four used, partially equipped Police Squad vehicles from B & B Motorcar in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke

12. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$121,719.36.

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to approve the Claims in the amount of \$121,719.36. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson shared that the painting of the mural on the City Hall facing wall of the Community Center is complete. A huge thank you was posted on the City's social media and website pages. Thank you to the local volunteer artists Laura Weichert, Brad Basten, and Sherry Culhane who dedicated hours into this project. Many people have already come to look at it. It is a great addition and beautiful to see.

Mayor Hammer concurred, and the praying mantises are his favorite part. He reminded residents with approaching hot weather to keep an eye on your neighbors.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:30pm. 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.