



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:48pm. Members present included Alderperson Molly Finkler, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Council President Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

ABSENT

Alderperson Sarah Motiff 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 Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Council President Roelke to approve the meeting's agenda with the removal of Item #8: Consider and take action on Cardinal Heights Final Plat, and Item #9: Consider and take action on Ord. 2024-1: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Code of Ordinances.

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

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda which included Special Committee of the Whole, Common Council and Committee of the Whole minutes from the December 3, 2024 meetings, with a correction on the Council minutes, Item #8 *"Consider and take action on Raze Order for 235 W. Harrison Street - Voting Nay: Alderperson Finkler and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 4-2 voice vote"*; and the appointment of Laura Beckham to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

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

Public Comment

Bill Breunig was introduced as the City of Columbus' new Emergency Management Director. He has previously served the Columbia County Sheriff's Office as a Dispatcher for 28+ years, and retired as a Captain from the City of Columbus Fire Department after twenty plus years. Breunig is currently working with staff to plan a training exercise based on a large scale flooding event. Staff is looking forward to working with him.

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)

3. ORD. 797-24: An Ordinance to Repeal Certain Sections of Chapters 90 and 114, and to Create Chapter 48, of the City Code Concerning Post-Construction Stormwater Management:

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Council President Roelke to Suspend the Rules per Sec. 2-46 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion made by Alderperson Reid, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to Waive the Readings per Sec. 2-46 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to adopt Ordinance 797-24: An Ordinance to Repeal Certain Sections of Chapters 90 and 114, and to Create Chapter 48, of the City Code Concerning Post-Construction Stormwater Management.

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

New Business

4. Consider and possible action to approve Settlement Agreement for litigation concerning 428 River Road, Columbus, Wisconsin (CoW 12/3/24):

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the Settlement Agreement for litigation concerning 428 River Road, Columbus, Wisconsin. Alder Rostad asked for clarification on the timing of the payout and it was verified that it will occur once the Plaintiff fulfills the requirement of obtaining compliance.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

5. Consider and take action on proposal from Crexendo for city phone services (CoW 12/3/24):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to accept the proposal from Crexendo for City phone services in the amount of \$16,962.40, knowing that the gross dollar amount may change as implementation is continued and completed.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

6. Consider and take action on posting firearms in City Buildings (CoW 12/3/24):

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve posting city buildings per city Ordinance 66-216. Attorney Johnson reminded council about their previous discussion regarding the one-time exception for the Pavilion use in the Spring/Summer. Roelke amended her motion, seconded by Reid to approve posting city buildings per city Ordinance 66-216 with the exception of exempting the Pavilion for a special event (gun show) being held later in 2025.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad.

Voting Nay: Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried on a 4-1 Voice vote.

7. Consider and take action on Renewal of Athletic Field Use Agreements (CoW 12/3/24):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the renewal of the CBO, CSO, and CAYSO Athletic Field Use Agreements.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

8. Consider and take action on Cardinal Heights Final Plat:

Consideration was tabled to a future meeting as per Agenda approval.

9. Consider and take action on Ord. 2024-1: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City Code of Ordinances:

Consideration was tabled to a future meeting as per Agenda approval.

10. Consider and take action on Amendment to the Lamp's Landing Development Agreement:

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the amendment to the Lamp's Landing Development Agreement, extending the deadline for recording the plat to July 31, 2025.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Consider and take action on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbia County Health & Human Services – Nutrition Site 2025:

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the MOU with Columbia County Health & Human Services Nutrition Program for the 2025 Nutrition site in the Columbus Community Center.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

12. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$1,118,741.51:

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Claims in the amount of \$1,118,741.51. Alder Rostad asked about account #100-511350-349 DPW-Employee Engagement and the related expenditures. Amundson explained that annually there is money in the budget to provide employee engagement activities throughout all departments.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson shared that the Holiday Parade was a great event, drawing a lot of participation and attendance. He and his family enjoyed participating in it. He thanked Amy Jo Meyers, Recreation Director, for her coordination efforts for all of the holiday events and he thanked the Police Department, DPW, Utility and Recreation departments and staff for their entries.

Mayor Hammer also thanked everyone involved for their assistance with the Holiday Train and Parade this year. He asked that we keep the Abundant Life Christian School families in our prayers, and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 7:07pm.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. 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.