



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President, Amy Roelke, called the Common Council Meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were in attendance: Alderperson Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Sarah Motiff (via Zoom), Alderperson Trina Reid, Council President Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Attorney Johnson also attended via Zoom. Mayor Joe Hammer 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 Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Roelke read a Proclamation by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction acknowledging the 2025 Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week taking place the week of February 17-21, 2025. She then thanked the men and women serving the City of Columbus who as our crossing guards.

Deputy Fire Chief, Jerrod Fox, on behalf of Lieutenant Matt Erhke, spoke in favor of adopting March 20th as Fred Dartt Day in the City of Columbus. He shared a brief history of Fred Dartt's career timeline with all present, and how the Fire Department would like to celebrate those employees who also serve the city for 50 years in their career.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole, Common Council and Committee of the Whole meetings held on February 4, 2025. 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)

3. Consider and Take Action on Ordinance 798-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 102-86 related to the Appointment of the Utility Director (CoW 2/4/25):

ORD. 798-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 102-86 related to the Appointment of the Utility Director:

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

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

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, 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 Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adopt Ordinance 798-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 102-86 related to the Appointment of the Utility Director.

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

New Business

4. Resolution No. 3-25: A Resolution Establishing March 20th as Fred Dartt Day in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin:

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to adopt Resolution 3-25: A Resolution Establishing March 20th as Fred Dartt Day in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin. Alderperson Rostad asked if the presented resolution was changed from the previously submitted information received on February 4, 2025. Administrator Amundson shared that the presented resolution reflected the changes discussed at that meeting.

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

5. Consider and take action on Award of Quote for Chevy Silverado 2500 from Napleton Chevrolet in the amount of \$46,942 (CoW 2/4/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the purchase of the Chevy Silverado 2500 from Napleton Chevrolet in the amount of \$46,942 as presented in the meeting packet for the Department of Public Works.

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

6. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$131,475.57:

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the Claims in the amount of \$131,475.57.

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

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson shared that he, Mike Kornmann and Council President Roelke had the opportunity to meet with Senator Sarah Keyeski earlier today to introduce ourselves and give her an overview on the hot button issues in the city. It was a good meeting and will hopefully lead to future opportunities for collaboration in working with the state. Amundson will be attending the Wisconsin City-County Management Association Conference next week, Wednesday through Friday.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 6:45pm. 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.