



# Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 03, 2024 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:53pm. The following members were present: Alderperson Molly Finkler, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, Council President 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 Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

## Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, 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 November 19, 2024 meetings, and a Street Closing Application for the 2024 Holiday Parade.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Mayor Hammer, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried.

## Public Comment

Jack Roelke was recognized for completion of his Eagle Scout project at Fireman's Park. He shared some pictures and a description of the site preparation and installation of five US Armed Forces plaques around the base of the flagpole. Council congratulated him for a job well done.

## New Business

4. **Consider and take action on Resolution 13-24: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,990,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A (CoW 10/15/24; Council 10/29/24).**

After results presented by Ariana Schmidt with Ehlers, the agenda item was corrected to read:

Consider and take action on Resolution 13-24: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,890,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to adopt Resolution 13-24: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,890,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024A.

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.

**5. Consider and take action on the 2025 Dodge County Humane Society Contract (CoW 11/19/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the 2025 Dodge County Humane Society Contract at a rate of \$1,800.00 for the year which includes up to five domestic stray animals, with an additional amount of \$450.00 for each additional animal. The Humane Society must have city approval before accepting any animal.

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 and take action on Permitting Module by Civic Plus (11/19/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Council President Roelke to approve the purchase of the Permitting Module by Civic Plus at an annual expense of \$5,300.00, plus a one-time set-up fee of \$2,900.00.

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.

**7. Consider and take action on Proposal from Caselle (CoW 11/19/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to transition Caselle to the cloud based version of the software combining the City and Utility financial accounting systems into one platform.

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.

**8. Consider and take action on Raze Order for 235 W Harrison Street (Special CoW 12/3/24).**

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to open legal proceedings for 235 W. Harrison Street.

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

Voting Nay: Alderperson Finkler. Motion carried on a 5-1 voice vote.

**9. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 14-24 supporting the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Small Business Development Grant (Special CoW 12/3/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to adopt Resolution 14-24: A Resolution Supporting the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Small Business Development Grant.

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

**10. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 15-24 supporting Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Spaces Grant (Special CoW 12/3/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Council President Roelke to adopt Resolution 15-24: A Resolution Supporting the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Vibrant Spaces Grant.

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

Voting Nay: Alderperson Motiff. Motion carried on a 5-1 voice vote.

**11. Consider and take action on Ratification of 2025 Utility Operating Budgets (Special CoW 12/3/24).**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Council President Roelke to ratify the 2025 Utility Operating Budgets.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, 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 \$420,189.17**

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the Claims in the amount of \$420,189.17.

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.

**13. Consider and Take Action on Award of Building Inspection Services to MSA (CoW 11/19/24)**

Administrator Amundson shared that this discussion should have been on tonight's Special Committee of the Whole agenda since it was not on the previous Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. The city's current Building Inspection services will expire on December 16, 2024. The city has received two proposals, one of which was not a viable solution, from five companies that were contacted. Council can choose to waive/suspend the rules per Ord. 2-52, and move forward with a discussion and vote tonight, or bring this discussion back to the December 17, 2024 meetings.

CED, Mike Kornmann, shared that MSA wrote their proposal to the RFP. The company places a high priority on performing in-person inspections and will only charge for the work performed. MSA will also provide office hours at City Hall for residents and contractors. Stephanie Potter and Greg Borucki from MSA were present to answer questions. References were provided and checked by Kornmann.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to suspend the rules as per Ord. 2-52 of the City of Columbus municipal code.

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.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to award the Building Inspection services to MSA.

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

**Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor**

Amundson shared that going forward Department Heads will be invited to the Agenda meetings to help ensure agenda items are properly scheduled on each meeting. He publicly thanked Amy Jo Meyers, Recreation Director, for the organization of the Tree Lighting event. It was well attended. The annual Wine Walk also seemed to be a successful event.

Mayor Hammer also thanked Amy Jo and her crew for the Tree Lighting event and Sparkle in the Park. He thanked the DPW and Utility crews for putting up the Christmas decorations. The CPKC Holiday Train is expected on December 8th at about 9:05pm. The City website has additional information about it and other holiday events coming up.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 8:37pm.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, Council President 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.