



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:46pm. The following members were in attendance: Alderperson Molly Finkler, Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Council President Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Administrator Amundson and Clerk Caine attended via Zoom. Alderperson Sarah Motiff was absent.

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

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Common Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes from 02/19/2025, and the Mayoral Appointments of Brain Nagle to the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission and Jack Sanderson to the Columbus Utility Commission. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

3. Consider and take action on the purchase of Washer Extractor for the Fire Department from MacQueen in the amount of \$6,804 (CoW 2/19/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Reid, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to purchase the washer extractor for the Fire Department from MacQueen in the amount of \$6,804. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

4. Consider and take action on Task Order 2025-01 with Ruekert Mielke for 2025 Street Maintenance Program (CoW 2/19/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve Task Order 2025-01 with Ruekert Mielke for the 2025 Street Maintenance Program. This includes slurry seal, crack seal, the WISLR road rating and the current applicable grant program processing. 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 a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Columbus and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regarding Changes in Access to STH 73 in the City of Columbus between Avalon Road and Tower Drive (CoW 3/4/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Roelke to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Columbus and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Regarding Changes in Access to STH 73 in the City of Columbus between Avalon Road and Tower Drive as presented in the packet. 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 award of bid to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$897,002 for 2025 Street and Utility Improvements (Brookside Lane) (CoW 3/4/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to award the bid to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$897,002 for the 2025 Street and Utility Improvements (Brookside Lane). Rostad noted that the documentation included in the packet listed a price that was an additional \$0.22 higher (pg. 32). Lawson amended his motion to award the bid to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. up to the amount of \$897,002.22 for the 2025 Street and Utility Improvements (Brookside Lane). Rostad seconded and motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

7. Consider and take action on award of bid to Egbert Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$476,267.50 for Fireman's Park Stormwater Project (CoW 3/4/25).

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to award the bid to Egbert Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$476,267.50 for Fireman's Park Stormwater Project. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

8. Consider and take action on internet segregation for Cablecast broadcast units (CoW 3/4/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve internet segregation for Cablecast broadcast units in the amount of \$6,165.08 as the initial cost with a recurring annual cost of \$2,800. Lawson shared that a recurring cost does not need approval since it will be reallocated in the budget going forward. Finkler amended her motion to approve internet segregation for Cablecast broadcast units in the amount of \$6,165.08, seconded by Lawson. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

9. Consider and take action on Res. 5-25: A Resolution supporting the submission of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application by the Historic Tremont, LLC to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for a Downtown Columbus Revitalization Project (CoW 3/4/25).

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Council President Roelke to adopt Res. 5-25: A Resolution supporting the submission of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application by the Historic Tremont, LLC to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for a Downtown Columbus Revitalization Project. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

10. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$4,352,813.70.

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the claims in the amount of \$4,352,813.70
Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Reid, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

11. Consider and take action on Amendment to Cardinal Heights Final Plat (CC 1/21/25).

This amendment adjusts the lot line of Lot 1 by six feet, which helps with the development of Lot 1. Alder Lawson asked if the adjustment was making Lot 1 larger, or smaller. Kornmann stated it is making it larger.

Motion made by Council President Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the amendment to Cardinal Heights Final Plat as presented. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Council President Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad. Voting Nay: Alderperson Reid. Motion carried on a 4-1 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson had nothing to report. Mayor Hammer sent out good thoughts and prayers for the health of our staff and sympathies to our City Treasurer who is in Utah at her mother's funeral.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adjourn at 7:04pm. 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.