



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 05, 2026 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

In Mayor Hammer's absence, Council President Molly Finkler called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Members present included: Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, and Alderperson Rhonda Fuller. Mayor Joe Hammer and Alderperson Michael Lawson were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the agenda with the removal of Item #3: Consider and take action on Ordinance 819-26 - An Ordinance to Create Section 98-77(7) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning Parking in the Business District. (CoW 08/05/26).

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment *(Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.)*

None.

Committee Minutes for File included Library (06/16/26).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the consent agenda which included the Common Council Meeting minutes from July 21, 2026. 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 819-26: An Ordinance to Create Section 98-77(7) of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances Concerning Parking in the Business District. (CoW 08/05/26)~~
Item removed from agenda.

New Business

4. **Consider and take action regarding the Feasibility Study for the Redevelopment of 1149 W. James St. (CDA 7/20/2026):**

Community and Economic Director, Mike Kornmann joined the meeting via Zoom. He shared that the Community Development Authority (CDA) recommends redeveloping the property as a multi-

tenant retail/office/service building through an RFP process after the demolition of the current building, making it a green site in the fall of 2026. Demolition is estimated to be up to \$150,000. Options for covering that expense could be through either the Cable Fund balance or TIF funding. The later would delay demolition into next year.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Fuller to move forward with the redevelopment. After much discussion, Alderperson Rostad amended his motion to approve redeveloping the property located at 1149 W. James Street, using TIF funding for the demolition expense. Alderperson Roelke seconded. Motion failed on a 2 - 3 Roll Call Vote with Alderpersons Finkler, Roelke, and Fuller voting Nay.

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Fuller to approve redeveloping the property located at 1149 W. James Street, using monies from the Cable Fund Balance for the demolition expense. Motion carried on a 3 - 2 Roll Call vote with Alderpersons Rostad and Reid voting Nay.

5. Consider and take action on Authorization to fill the vacant Recreation Director position. (CoW 8/5/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve filling the vacant Recreation Director position. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Consider and take action on Change Order No.1 (\$3,410) and Change Order No.2 (\$28,160) for Fireman's Park Pickleball Courts. (CC 5/19/26):

Administrator Amundson shared that this is not a contingency for these expenses built into the bid award amount, so these are additional costs for the project. Change Order No.1 is for adding reinforcement to the fencing. Change Order No.2 is the cost to remove excess topsoil, stockpile on site and install additional rock base (approx. 800 tons) to the stone base course.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve Change Order No.1 and Change Order No.2 for Fireman's Park Pickleball Courts. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

7. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$229,817.90:

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$229,817.90. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson thanked Mike Kornmann for joining the meeting from vacation to assist with discussion. A huge round of applause to Chief Weiner, his staff, Chief Hazeltine, and his staff, Public Works, Utilities, and Library employees and other city staff for their participation in National Night Out! There was a great turnout. It was great to have such a successful community event.

Council President Finkler also commented how great the event was and really enjoyed seeing the Petting Zoo.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:39pm. 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.