



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Alderperson Rhonda Fuller 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 Council President Finkler to approve the agenda. 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.

Department Reports for File included CAEMS-Lifestar (06-2026), CED (06-2026), (07-2026), Finance (06-2026), Fire (06-2026), Library (06-2026), and Police (06-2026).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Committee of the Whole and Common Council Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2026. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Presentation

A Presentation of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Survey Results was given by Maria Zeien, City of Columbus Intern. The survey is part of a working document plan for the city's outdoor spaces. The survey was open for three weeks and there were 349 responses. This plan must be updated every five years in order for the city to be eligible for applicable Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) and federal grants. Zeien shared an update on the individual city parks and what the survey respondents would like to see in improvements.

New Business:

4. Consider and take action on Class "B" Beer Alcohol License Application for Licensing period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 for Columbus Market LLC dba The Lunch Room. (CC 06/16/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Class "B" Beer License Application for licensing period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for Columbus Market, LLC dba The Lunch Room.

After hearing comments from Clerk Caine, City of Columbus Building Inspector, Jeff Fitzwilliams with MSA, Fire Chief Scott Hazeltine, City Attorney Paul Johnson and owner Rajwinder Singh, motion was amended by Rostad/Finkler to approve contingent upon passage of their final building inspection from our city inspector. Motion carried on a 3-2 Roll Call vote with Alderpersons Reid and Roelke voting Nay.

5. Consider and take action regarding Certified Survey Map for Parcel 1114.1 – located on Tower Drive – Lamps Landing LLC. (PC 07/09/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Certified Survey Map for Parcel 1114.1, located on Tower Drive - Lamps Landing LLC with the condition that the items in the review letter be addressed.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Consider and take action on PROJ. 6217-01-02 Tower Dr TLE Relocation Order. (CC 05/05/26):

Administrator Amundson shared that this is a procedural step for the WI Department of Transportation in regards to PROJ.6217-01-02 Tower Drive Temporary Limited Easement (TLE) Relocation. It is needing approval to move the project to the next stage.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the PROJ.6217-01-02 Tower Drive TLE Relocation. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Consider and take action on the Claims in the amount of \$135,865.66:

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to pay the claims in the amount of \$135,865.66. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Administrator Amundson had nothing to report.

Police Chief Weiner shared that Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 10:00am until 10:00pm, is Cops at Culvers fundraiser day with monies raised going to people in need in the form of various gift cards. Tuesday, August 4th is National Night Out from 5:30pm until 8:00pm at Fireman's Park. There will be a live burn demo, a petting zoo, and a tasing demonstration in addition to various department equipment and vehicles on display, and family activities. Weiner also reported that the 4th of July weekend park activity was uneventful, while there were several incidents within the city. He is reviewing information regarding E-Scooters, and battery operated vehicles to bring to a future council meeting for ordinance consideration.

Mayor Hammer shared that the second concert in the HLPC Summer Concert series was well attended despite the heat.

Convene to Closed Session:

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to convene into Closed Session at 7:47pm. per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss the purchase of land along the Park Street corridor in conjunction with the public safety building project, and

per §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss the purchase of property in the Park Street corridor for the location of a future City water plant within the City of Columbus. Motion carried on a 5-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Council President Finkler to reconvene into Open Session at 8:39pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 8:39pm. 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.