



# Utility Commission Meeting - Amended Minutes

Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

## Roll Call

The following members were present: Joe Hammer, Michael Thom, Brook Andler, Sandy Curtis and Jack Sanderson (arrived at 6:12pm).

Molly Finkler and Reagan Rule were excused from attending the meeting.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Consent Agenda

Motion made by Curtis, Seconded by Hammer to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the May 22, 2025 Utility Commission Meeting and June 3, 2025 Special Utility Commission Meeting, the Utility Department's Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report, and the Outage Report. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of May 22, 2025 Utility Commission Meeting and June 3, 2025 Special Utility Commission Meeting.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report.
3. Outage Report

## New Business

4. Resolution No. 2025-01 A Resolution Accepting The Columbus WWTP Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) 2024.

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Andler to approve Resolution No. 2025-01. Motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Award of Unit Pricing Contract to Jolma Utilities for Multiple-Year Overhead Electric Facility Installation.

Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to award contract to Jolma Utilities. Motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Award of Unit Pricing Contract to J&R Underground for Multiple-Year Underground Electric Facility Installation.  
Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to award contract to J&R Underground. Motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.
7. Award of quote to Forest Landscaping & Construction for \$25,950 for lateral and manhole repairs.  
Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to award quote to Forest Landscaping & Construction in the amount of \$25,950. Motion was carried on a 4-0 roll call vote.
8. Award of quote to Visu-Sewer for \$146,639.75 to install 3,333 feet of National Liner.  
Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to award quote to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$146,639.75. Motion was carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
9. Award of quote to Ess Brothers and Sons for \$11,700 for manhole chimney tuckpointing and sealing.  
Motion made by Hammer, Seconded by Thom to award quote to Ess Brothers and Sons in the amount of \$11,700. Motion was carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
10. Award of quote to Dorner for valve rebuilds at WasteWater Treatment plant in the amount of \$25,560.  
Motion made by Andler, Seconded by Curtis to award quote to Dorner in the amount of \$25,560. Motion was carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.
11. Discussion regarding city ordinance for sewer lateral repairs.  
The commission discussed interest in seeing a revised ordinance that would include a wye and cleanout for new and repaired laterals and include tracer wire in laterals and sewerlines. The commission requested additional information on the process of new street construction and how we address lateral replacements. No action was taken on this item.
12. Discussion and direction related to an Acting Utility Director.  
City Administrator Amundson discussed options for an Acting Utility Director. The commission would like to see options including internal candidates considered.

### **Convene into Closed Session**

13. Convene to closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and 19.85(1)(f) preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems, specifically a leave accommodation request by the Utility Director.  
Motion by Hammer, Seconded by Curtis to adjourn to closed session. Motion was carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **Reconvene into Open Session**

Motion by Hammer, Seconded by Sanderson to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **Reports**

14. Utilities Department Report
15. June 2025 Live Lines

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Sanderson, Seconded by Curtis, to adjourn at 7:23pm. 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.

Please note that these minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.