



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 03, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President Finkler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Committee Minutes for File included Library (04/15/25); Police & Fire Commission (03/19/25); Public Spaces (05/12/25), and Recreation (01/13/25), (03/10/25), (04/14/25).

Department Reports for File included Library Report (05/2025), Treasurer's Report (03/2025, 04/2025).

Proclamation

3. Proclamation honoring Firefighter Daryl Hoffman:

Mayor Hammer read a Proclamation Honoring Firefighter Daryl Hoffman for his 36 years and 4 months of service to the City of Columbus. Several Firefighters, friends and family were in attendance.

Public Comment

Brian Nagle - 551 W. Harrison Street - Thanked the District 1 Alders for assisting in getting the Pride Month Resolution on the agenda and spoke positively on its behalf.

New Business

4. Discussion of Resolution No. 6-25 for the Dissolution of the Mae Ward Beautification Endowment Fund:

Administrator Amundson summarized the information provided in the packet. No contributions have been made except by the city during the last several years. Staff is suggesting to redirect the fund into the DPW with the designated use being for the Public Spaces Committee for future project needs. Committee members agreed to move forward to the 06/03/2025 Common Council meeting.

5. Discussion of Resolution No. 7-25 Recognizing June as Pride Month in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin:

Alder Meier thanked both Brian Nagle and David Stira for bringing this to the Council in the proper way. Meier asked for passage of the resolution. Alder Reid was also comfortable with the language in the resolution. Mayor Hammer reminded members that passage will set precedence going forward. Committee members agreed to move forward to the 06/03/2025 Common Council meeting.

6. Discussion of Pavilion Staircase Project Bid Summary and Funding Request:

Amundson shared that this project was put out to bid and even though a number of contractors took out copies of the plans, the city only received one bid. Funding has been identified to successfully complete the project which includes both staircases to the Pavilion. After further discussion the Committee members agreed to move forward to the 06/03/2025 Common Council meeting.

7. Discussion of Ordinance 804-25 Public Nuisances Affecting Health:

Amundson shared that this Ordinance addresses the grass clippings left in the streets. Alder Lawson asked about leaves being left in the streets, and Amundson stated that our current city code does not allow that either. Hammer reminded all that it is the responsibility of the citizens to help keep our streets and eventually our stormwater system free of debris. Committee members agreed to move forward to the 06/03/2025 Common Council meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Meier to adjourn at 6:58pm. 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.