



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 01, 2026 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:59pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Rhonda Fuller, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

Committee Minutes for File: included Library (07/21/26), PFC (06/24/26), and Public Spaces (07/13/26). Mayor Hammer made a verbal correction to the PFC minutes where they stated candidates were for the Police Department and it should have read Fire Department. Clerk Caine will inform the PFC of the correction.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the consent agenda which included Committee of the Whole and Common Council meeting minutes from August 18, 2026, and an application for a Street Closing for the Columbus PTO Annual Color Run. 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)

4. Consider and take action on Ord.821-26: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sec. 114-126 of the City Code of Ordinances Regarding Required Parking Spaces. (PC 08/13/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to waive the readings. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Ordinance 821-26: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Sec. 114-126 of the City Code of Ordinances Regarding Required Parking Spaces. Alderperson Lawson asked for clarification on the number of parking spaces for Accessory Dwelling units. CED Director Kornmann verified there are none.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Consider and take action on Ord. 822-26: An Ordinance to Repeal Section 102-63 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances. (CoW 9/1/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to suspend the rules. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to waive the readings. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to adopt Ordinance 822-26: An Ordinance to Repeal Section 102-63 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

6. Consider and take action regarding a minor subdivision in the extra-territorial area – Phyllis Hamann Estate – Activity No. 2026-0352. (PC 08/13/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve a Letter of Intent for a minor subdivision in the extra-territorial area – Phyllis Hamann Estate – Activity No. 2026-0352. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Consider and take action regarding the subdivision of land in the Town of Elba (Dodge County), Activity number 2026-0356 - David & Marie O’Kroley. (PC 08/13/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the Letter of Intent for the subdivision of land in the Town of Elba (Dodge County), Activity number 2026-0356 - David & Marie O’Kroley. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

8. Consider and take action regarding Condominium Plat – Lamps Landing LLC located on Tower Drive, Parcel 1114.1 (PC 08/13/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Condominium Plat for Lamps Landing LLC located on Tower Drive, Parcel 1114.1. Alderperson Lawson questioned if these will be sold individually or rented out. Kornmann understands that they will be put up for sale individually. After a brief discussion and clarification, motion was amended by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Condominium Plat for Lamps Landing LLC located on Tower Drive, Parcel 1114.1 with the following conditions: that items in the review letter be addressed, and a sewer tap application for all dwellings on the parcel be submitted to Columbus Utilities and all fees paid in full. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

9. Consider and take action on Electric Lead Lineman proposed updated wage scale. (UC 8/20/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the proposed updated wage scale for the Electric Lead Lineman. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

10. Consider and take action regarding Pavilion rental noise concerns. (CoW 9/1/26):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the revised Pavilion rental contract with the following: more research needs to be done for the 80 decibel limit, change the 50' distance to 100' for audible xx, cease amplified sound at 11:30pm or the renter will forfeit 50% of rental deposit, and event needs to be over by 11:59pm. Concerning the decibel monitoring and reporting device, more research is needed. The draft letter is approved

and the venue contract updates are approved with the 2:00am end time being changed to 11:59pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Consider and take action on the award of the bid in the amount of \$17,375 to Thunder Road for 2026 street maintenance contract for Crack Seal. (CoW 9/1/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve award of 2026 Street Maintenance Contract for Crack Seal to Thunder Road in the amount of \$17,375. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

12. Consider and take action on award of bid in the amount of \$71,481.60 to Struck and Irwin for 2026 street maintenance contract for Slurry Seal. (CoW 9/1/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve award of 2026 Street Maintenance Contract for Slurry Seal to Struck & Irwin in the amount of \$71,481.60. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

13. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$706,003.65:

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the claims in the amount of \$706,003.65. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson wished residents a safe and studios return to the school year, which Mayor Hammer concurred.

Convene to Closed Session

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to convene into closed session 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 negotiating terms of an amendment to the existing Development Agreement with Lamps Landing, LLC. at 8:16pm. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to reconvene into open session at 8:48pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Fuller to adjourn at 8:48pm. 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.