



Special Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Marcus Meier, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, and Alderperson Ryan Rostad.

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 Meier, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

1. Consider and take action on Res. 11-25: A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to 2025 General Fund Budget for Expenditure Restraint Program to Adjust Base Budget by \$235,000 in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin (CoW 10/14/25):

Motion made by Alderperson Meier, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adopt Res. 11-25: A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to 2025 General Fund Budget for Expenditure Restraint Program to Adjust Base Budget by \$235,000 in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Voting Yea: Council President Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Meier, Alderperson Reid, Alderperson Roelke, and Alderperson Rostad.

2. Consider and take possible action on 2026 Budget Ad Date for publishing (CoW 10/14/25):

Amundson asked that corrected numbers of General Government for 2026 proposed at \$1,718,640, and for Public Safety, \$2,276,245 be cited and he also asked for approval to adjust any fund balance numbers that appear to be incorrect before publishing.

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the 2026 Budget Ad for Publishing with the noted updates and the direction for the City Administrator to review the fund balances and make any appropriate updates. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Mayor Hammer thanked Staff and Council members for their participation in the Budget Review process and their assistance in moving it and everything forward that we need to accomplish in the remainder of this year going into next year.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:10pm.
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.

Respectfully Submitted by
Susan L. Caine, Clerk