



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 02, 2026 at 6:35 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recite by those in attendance.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad 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 (04/21/26), PFC (03/04/26).

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Consent Agenda which included Joint Plan Commission, Committee of the Whole and Common Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026; approval of Temporary Alcohol License for Columbus Lions Slip & Slide event at Fireman's Park on June 13, 2026; approval of Street Closing Application for the 4th of July Parade; and a Mayoral Appointment of Alderperson Rhonda Fuller to the Community Development Authority. 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)

6. **Consider and take action on Ordinance 816-26: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-286 and to Repeal Section 2-287 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances in regard to eliminating the Columbus Area Aquatic Center Committee and assign its duties and responsibilities to the Recreation Committee. (CoW 06/02/26):**

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

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to adopt Ordinance 16-26: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 2-286 and to Repeal Section 2-287 of the City of Columbus Code of Ordinances in regards to eliminating the Columbus Area Aquatic Center Committee and assign its duties and responsibilities to the Recreation Committee. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Hammer asked if any of the previous CAAC Committee members would like to continue to serve to please reach out to staff or himself.

New Business

7. Consider and take action regarding the policy on city resolutions of support for WEDC Community Development Investment (CDI) grants. (CDA 02/16/26):

Community and Economic Development Director, Mike Kornmann explained the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant program. Last year there were two businesses competing for the funds. This policy outlines the procedure and formalizes the Community Development Authority making recommendations to the Common Council for final approval.

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the Community Development Investment Resolution Policy. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

8. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-03 with Ruekert-Mielke related to annual street maintenance in the amount of \$18,100. (UC 05/20/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to approve Task Order 2026-03 with Ruekert Mielke related to annual street maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$18,100. Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

9. Consider and take action regarding Personal Property Tax Write Off. (CoW 06/02/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve writing off uncollectible Personal Property Taxes. Motion carried on a 4-2 Roll Call vote with Alderpersons Finkler and Reid voting Nay.

10. Consider and take action regarding an amended job description for the position of Communications and Economic Development Coordinator/Deputy Zoning Administrator. (CoW 06/02/26):

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to approve the job description amendment for the position of Communications and Economic Development Coordinator/Deputy Zoning Administrator. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Consider and take action on installation of a Fire Lane at Cardinal Heights for the FDC (Fire Department Connection) on the north side of the apartment building. (CoW 06/02/26):

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to approve the installation of a fire lane on O'Brien Court to allow access of fire equipment to the Fire Department Connection on the north end of the apartment building. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

12. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$1,395,781.53:

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve payment of the claims in the amount of \$1,395,781.53. Motion carried on a unanimous Roll Call vote.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson thanked Director Randy Myrum, Amy Jo Meyers, Jack Petrie, Devon Stratman and the Streets Crew for making sure our city pool was ready for opening day. (The Open House took place on June 2, 2026).

Mayor Hammer shared that in this month's copy of *The Municipality*, the magazine for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the City of Columbus was shouted out as one of the charter members of the organization which took place on December 14, 1898. He also reminded everyone that June is Dairy Month so support your local dairy farmers.

Convene to Closed Session

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Council President Finkler to move into Closed Session per § 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, specifically Assistant Utility Director compensation at 7:23pm.

Motion carried on a 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Council President Finkler to reconvene to Open Session at 7:56pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Motion made by Council President Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn at 7:57pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Susan L. Caine, Clerk