



Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

The Regular Common Council meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Hammer. The following members were present: Mayor Joe Hammer, Alderperson Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Sarah Motiff, Alderperson Trina Reid, and Alderperson Amy Roelke.

Alderperson Ryan Rostad was excused.

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 Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to approve the agenda.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of minutes from the Special Committee of the Whole, Council and Committee of the Whole Minutes of August 20, 2024, and the Mayoral appointments of Matt Amundson to the Joint Review Board, and Stephen Bright to the Plan Commission.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

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)

3. Ordinance 795-24: An Ordinance to Repeal Certain Sections of Chapters 90 and 114, and to Create Chapter 47 of the City Code Concerning Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control.

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to take no action at this meeting and move to a future Common Council meeting. This ordinance will be reviewed by the Plan Commission on September 12, 2024.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

New Business

4. Consider and take action on hours of City Hall

Administrator Amundson shared these hours are a good fit for Columbus. Staff has been making accommodations for residents to meet at different times, if needed. He is recommending to council that the open office hours of Monday through Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm, and Friday 8:00am - 12:00noon for City Hall, which began in July, be kept in place moving forward as they have been working very well with decreasing the amount of accumulated leave time for most of the City Hall employees, while also being available to the public. Employees are still working at least 40 hours per week.

In addition to keeping the new hall hours, he is developing a plan to have a Mobile City Hall schedule which would involve himself, the mayor, council members, and Department Heads, two or three at a time, being available at different city-wide events that are held throughout the year. Council spoke positively about the changes and requested that the website be updated with more information/FAQ's to assist residents, as well.

Motion made by Alderperson Motiff, Seconded by Alderperson Finkler to change the City Hall hours to Monday through Thursday 8:00am until 4:30pm, and Fridays 8:00am until 12:00 noon. Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

5. Consider and take action on claims in the amount of \$482,413.79

Motion made by Alderperson Lawson, Seconded by Alderperson Motiff to approve the Claims in the amount of \$482,413.79.

Voting Yea via Roll Call: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

Report of City Officers – City Administrator, Mayor

Amundson shared that there is a Strategic Plan Session scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Columbus High School cafeteria to work on Strategic Priorities and set goals. All are invited. There will be online feedback available in the future, as well.

Mayor Hammer reminded everyone that school is back in session so please be aware and take extra caution when driving through the city.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Finkler, Seconded by Alderperson Roelke to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Finkler, Alderperson Lawson, Alderperson Motiff, Alderperson Reid, and Alderperson Roelke. Motion carried.

*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.