COLUMBUS WISCONSIN

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall - 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call

A quorum consisted of Bright, Hajewski, Monday, Meyers, Albright, and Finkler. Staff liaison Kornmann was also present.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was properly posted.

Approval of Agenda

Finkler motioned to approve the agenda with a second by Hajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. July 10, 2025 Plan Commission Minutes

New Business

2. Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit – Outdoor Storage – Core and Main on Industrial Drive Monday opened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public in attendance for comment. Kornmann acknowledged there were no correspondence from the public regarding the public hearing.

After asking three times with no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

3. Consider and take action regarding the conditional use permit for outdoor storage in a Light Industrial Zone - Core and Main

Kornmann presented Core & Main's conditional use request. The request was for partial enclosure of outdoor storage by fencing. The Commission commented about fence height, tree use, Ordinance specifics, and storage enforcement.

Monday motioned to recommend approval to Council for the site plan and Conditional Use Permit as requested with the conditions that are listed in the staff report in addition a condition that the fence must entirely enclose the storage area. Albright seconded the motion. No further discussion was made. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Hearing: Ordinance revision of 114-95 Outdoor Storage of Vehicles

Monday opened the public hearing.

There were no members of the public in attendance for comment.

After asking three times with no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

 Consider and take action regarding the ordinance amendment to the Outdoor Storage of Vehicles -114-95 Kornmann highlighted changes to the Ordinance for the outdoor storage of vehicles. The highlighted changes include defining recreational vehicles and allowing them to be parked on paved driveways. Commission comments included duration of storage, condition of recreational vehicles, and impact for parking on the street. The ordinance amendment wouldn't impact existing ordinances for junk storage or street parking.

Albright motioned for Council to consider and take action regarding the ordinance amendment for outdoor storage of vehicles 114-95 as written. Finkler seconded the motion. Discussion involved a time limit for outdoor parking.

Hajewski motioned to make an amendment to road-ready recreational vehicles parked in a paved driveway for limit of three months. No second was made for the amendment.

Bright motioned to make an amendment to include a maximum of 30 days for recreational to be parked on a paved driveway. Hajewski seconded the amendment. Motion failed by split vote of 3-3.

Further discussion involved enforcement difficulties of time limits for parking recreational vehicles in paved driveways.

The original motion to recommend approval to Council the ordinance amendment as written was carried unanimously.

6. Communication of recent Zoning Board of Appeals Action

Monday listed the approvals of the Zoning Board of Appeals of a side lot reduction at Lot 18, Cardinal Heights and a parking lot setback reduction for KO Properties, Subway / Anytime Fitness.

Kornmann announced the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals in September regarding a side and house setback for a garage.

Adjourn

Finkler motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Albright. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm

** These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator **