



**Special Committee of the Whole Agenda – UPDATED
With Zoom Link on 02/26/2025 at 11:30am**

Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

NOTICE: A majority of Members will be attending via Zoom.

Here is the Link: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84128983983?pwd=7lCpYSEn4y3KlnfrDzUe6P9SYaLUaV.1>

Meeting ID: 841 2898 3983

Passcode: 793381

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Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

New Business

- 1.** Discussion of Res. 4-25: A Resolution Establishing Polling Locations for Elections in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin.

Adjourn

*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.



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole/Common Council Meetings

Meeting Date: February 27, 2025

Item Title: Res. 4-25: A Resolution Establishing Polling Locations for Elections in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin

Submitted By: Susan L. Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: The Spring Primary held on February 18, 2025, in Council Chambers in City Hall was very successful, and proved that smaller turnout elections can easily be held in that location versus the Community Center.

Holding an election in City Hall also saves money on election expenses, is more productive for the election staff, and provides our residents with a warm, accessible and streamlined voting experience. As Clerk, I would like to recommend hosting all smaller elections and primaries in Council Chambers going forward.

It was also discovered that the City Code requires an update in establishing and naming the City's polling locations, therefore this resolution was created.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft copy of Res. 4-25: A Resolution Establishing Polling Locations for Elections in the City of Columbus, Wisconsin

Action Requested of Council: to adopt Res. 4-25, in order to be able to host the 2025 Spring Election being held on April 1, 2025, in City Hall – Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-25

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR ELECTIONS
IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 5.25(2) provides that the governing body of cities, villages and towns with populations under 500,000 may establish polling places; and

WHEREAS, voting is both a right, and the vital core of a healthy democracy, and the goal of the City of Columbus City Clerk’s office is that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted; and

WHEREAS, municipalities may now establish multiple sites for casting ballots in elections; and

WHEREAS, holding smaller elections in Council Chambers in City Hall saves the City of Columbus money on election expenses, is more productive for election staff, and provides residents with an accessible, comfortable and streamlined voting experience; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Community Center offers a larger space to accommodate the greater turnout of voters for a Gubernatorial or Presidential Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Columbus, Wisconsin hereby allows the City Clerk the ability to host elections in the Council Chambers in City Hall, or the Columbus Community Center, whichever he/she feels is most suitable. The Clerk shall provide notice as required by law.

Dated this ____ day of February, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Joe Hammer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan L. Caine, City Clerk