



Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 6:40 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Committee Minutes for File

- [1.](#) Committee Minutes for file include CHLPC (01/22/2025), PFC (01/08/2025), Tourism (10/07/2024), (11/04/2024), (12/09/2024), (01/06/2025).

Department Reports for File

- [2.](#) Police (01/2025), Treasurer (12/2024).

Public Comment

New Business

- [3.](#) Discussion of Committees Restructuring.
- [4.](#) Discussion regarding structure for Public Works Department.

Convene into Closed Session as per section §§19.85(1)(e) for Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss 1149 W. James Street.

Reconvene into Open Session

Adjourn

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Columbus Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
105 North Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ruth Hermanson at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Commissioners Altschwager, Hermanson, Elling, Kaland, Nichols and Gilbertson. Commissioner Ulrich was excused. Economic Development Director Mike Kornmann, Administrator Amundson and Mayor Hammer were also present.

Notice of open meeting: Chair Hermanson noted that the meeting agenda had been posted and distributed per State Statutes.

Approve agenda: Motion by Nichols, second by Altschwager to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Commissioner Gilbertson noted that the Columbus Historical Society has purchased the building at 152 West James Street. They will be completing façade work to include painting trim, a new sign, stormwindow replacement and some minor trim replacement. Commissioner Nichols announced that she will be resigning from the CHLPC effective in April, 2025 due to the additional commitments from the Chamber of Commerce and her new business.

Minutes of November 20, 2024

Motion by Elling, second by Kaland to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: as of January 15, 2025:

- Susan Stare Auditorium Fund (CD)		\$ 19,148.88
- Water Tower Fund	253474	\$ 10,625.02
- Mary Poser/ Former Columbus Auditorium Corporation	2502700 (CD)	\$ 32,307.87
- RestHaven Improvement	255362	\$ 98,868.65
- Façade Improvement Fund	255707	\$ 132.36
- Columbus Pavilion ADA Accessibility Fund	250968	\$ 4,015.93
- CHLPC Account	187450	\$ 32,567.71

Motion by Elling, second by Kaland to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

State Grant for Creation of a Local Downtown Historic District:

Commissioner Nichols indicated that the application had been filed prior to the December deadline. There will be an announcement during February on awards. If Columbus is awarded, the City Council will need to vote to accept the award. The project identified was support for public awareness, notices and preparation of a local designation Downtown Columbus District application.

Summer Concert Series:

Chair Hermanson identified the 2025 dates as June 19, July 17 and August 14. Mark Croft will be assisting to identify and contract with the performers. Estimated cost of \$750-\$900 per "band".

Locally Designated Downtown District: The original National Register nomination survey identified 70 properties for inclusion in the District. Commissioner Nichols noted that the original survey had been updated several years ago, so the documentation is current for designation of the district. Commissioners Gilbertson and Elling to review and report at a future meeting.

Fundraising status for Resthaven: Chair Hermanson noted that the subcommittee was working on fundraising letter to be sent to local residents and businesses. The subcommittee was in the process of combining several lists to conclude a mailing list for the letter. Administrator Amundson confirmed that no new approval was needed from the City Council to continue with the fundraising efforts.

Director Kornmann announced that he had submitted the Vibrant Spaces Grant application on behalf of the City and CHLPC for the Resthaven project. He included a request of \$150,000. This would need to be matched by the City, most likely using CHLPC monies. There is no timeline for this award announcement.

Designating historic sites and structures:

Commissioners discussed the potential to start with a City-owned building for completion of the process and understanding of the procedures and information necessary in future proposals. City representatives noted that the Whitney Chapel is owned by the Cemetery Board, not the City of Columbus. Other possible sites discussed included the Chapel Street Watertower, City Hall and home at 154 South Spring Street. The group would like to review the existing packet for designation application.

Goals and tasks for 2025:

The group acknowledged the following major efforts for 2025

- Completing a local landmark designation
- Summer concert series participation
- Erecting posts for mid-century modern district
- On-going project promotion for Resthaven restoration
- Downtown District designation if CLG grant is obtained and accepted by City Council

Motion by Altschwager, second by Nichols to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Carried Unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Elling, CHLPC Secretary

MINUTES of COLUMBUS POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
January 8, 2025
Columbus City Hall, Council Chamber
105 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by PFC Chair Olson.
- 2) Roll Call: PFC Members present: L. Olson, Z. Kianovsky, B. Lewke, M. Meier, R. Rule.
PFC members absent: none (CPD Chief Weiner also present, Council Liaison Reid joined at 6:07 pm.)
- 3) Notice of compliance with Open Meeting law—Notice of Meeting and Posted Agenda by Olson.
- 4) Motion by Rule to approve agenda. Seconded by Kianovsky. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Motion by Lewke to approve minutes of meeting of 12/11/2024. Motion seconded by Meier. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) New Business.

Motion by Meier to go into closed session per Sec. 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the PFC has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Seconded by Kianovsky. Motion passed unanimously.

PFC then convened in Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. to consider application(s) for CPD Lieutenant position.

Motion to reconvene in Open Session by Meier, seconded by Kianovsky. Motion carried unanimously.

PFC then reconvened in Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Meier to approve Michael Rosecky for eligibility list for CPD Lieutenant position part time Police Officer position. Seconded by Rule. Motion carried unanimously

PF then discussed CPD process for filling anticipated positions.

- 7) Public comments: none.
- 8) Motion to adjourn by Lewke, seconded by Meier. Motion to adjourn carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:48p.m.

The next regular meeting of the PFC is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at the City of Columbus Council Chambers. Special Meetings may be called in the interim as needed.

Minutes submitted by Zev Kianovsky, Secretary, Columbus Police and Fire Commission, City of Columbus, Wisconsin. Minutes are drafted for approval.

Minutes approved by PFC on 02/20/2025.



Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 07, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Walcott

A quorum of Tourism Commission members present was Belschner, Famularo, Hammer, Roelke, Walcott, and Walker. Staff liaison Bennett was present.

Bennett stated the meeting was properly noticed

Hammer motions to approve the October 7th agenda with amending it to move the September financial update before unfinished business. Famularo seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Famularo motions to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of September 9, 2024. Roelke seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

1. Approve Minutes from September 9, 2024

Public Comment

There was no one from the public to comment and no correspondence was received.

Staff Reports

Bennett informed the Tourism Commission that there were no new room tax revenues to report.

September expenditures include \$143.76 for Google Ads that will be taken from the marketing / advertising line item. Walcott asked if there were any expenditures from the special events line item. Bennett stated that there hasn't been any. Famularo would like to see if it's possible to move funds from one line item to another in order to potentially fund all asks of the room tax funding.

Unfinished Business

2. No representative from the Columbus Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (CHLPC) were present to give a final report regarding its room tax funding request. Bennett provided a copy of their final report along with a few photos from the events, concert agreements, and marketing receipts. Roelke motioned to table any action until the representative appears in person at the November meeting and brings additional data. Famularo seconds. Motion carries unanimously.
3. Bennett recapped the previous application attempt at the September meeting. Belschner presented the updated application on behalf of the Redbud Players. The new request is for \$800 by the Players. Roelke questioned the new application did not include a breakdown of expenses. Belschner said the cost was for signs, flyers, and ads as listed. Roelke asked if these events brought large crowds to town. Belschner responded that they bring 350 - 400 people with most being relatives to the production crew and a few out of state guests. Walker asked if the request can be modified or rejected during the final report. The Commission agreed it could be.

Roelke motioned to approve \$500 pending final report presentation but was amended to \$800. Famularo seconds. Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstain.
4. Bennett updated the Tourism Commission with news that the carryover amount has been amended to \$23,903.92 from the \$30,000 requested. The remainder of the budget has been unchanged. Belschner liked the increase in special events line item for more events and bigger

events. Walcott asked if there were grants for hiking and biking trails. There was comment about partnering with other groups for joint effort marketing as well.

New Business

5. There was no representative to present the application and answer questions on behalf of the Columbus, WI Area Chamber of Commerce. Bennett shared the Chamber's application for \$1,225 for their Wine Walk event to offset trolley cost. Famularo motioned to approve the \$1,200 pending final report and the ability to move some unused marketing / advertising line-item funds to cover additional grant applications. Walker seconds. Discussion revolved around disapproval of no representative to present and debate of the definition of operating expenses. Walcott had concern for funding a trolley and would like to see proof of insurance. The motion fails with 0 ayes, 5 nays, and 1 abstain. No other motions were made.
6. Bennett presented a recap of previous discussions involving potentially updating guidelines for room tax funding. Bennett gave some possible updates to the guidelines. Discussion showed concern of being too broad overall and easily leading to inconsistency. Famularo would like to start a new set of guidelines and processes. Walcott reiterated that it should bring in data and event photos. Roelke motions to start a new application exempting 2024 applications. Famularo seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Famularo will email Bennett with Watertown's tourism information.

Roelke motions to adjourn the meeting. Belschner seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned at 7:52pm.

**These minutes will be reviewed and approved and amended as necessary at the next Tourism Commission meeting. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator

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Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 04, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Walcott.

A quorum of the Tourism Commission present included Belschner, Famularo, Hammer, Roelke, Walcott, and Walker. Staff liaison Bennett was also present. City Administrator Matt Amundson, Ruth Hermanson, and Sarah Meintzer were in attendance.

Bennett informed the commission that the meeting was properly noticed.

Hammer motions to approve the agenda for Monday, November 4, 2024, as presented. Roelke seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Roelke motions to approve the minutes from October 7, 2024, as presented. Famularo seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

1. Review and Approve Minutes from October 7, 2024

Those in attendance were introduced, but did not participate in the public comment. No other correspondence was received.

Unfinished Business

2. Bennett presented a brief update for the Tourism budget. There were no new revenues from room taxes reported. Notable expenditures include \$151.96 for Google Ads. \$21,897.60 remains in the 2024 budget.

Bennett informed the Commission on the City's expense line policy which allows for spending up to \$2,000 or 200%, whichever is greater, over a particular line item's budget. This is as long as the overall budget is able to support it and requires City Administrator authorization.

Famularo motions to authorize staff to utilize the expense line policy not to exceed \$1,050 if needed for the Special Events line item. Belschner seconds. Roll call vote: Famularo - aye, Roelke - aye, Walker - aye, Hammer - aye, Walcott - aye, and Belschner - aye. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Ruth Hermanson presented the final report on behalf of the Columbus Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (CHLPC). CHLPC has applied for \$1,000 in room tax funding for their summer concert series. The concerts had about 300 attendees and some of the vehicles had out of state plates. Out-of-state visitors were joining family and friends.

The Tourism Commission expressed concern for the lack of data relating to paid overnight stays. Belschner suggested offering a survey along with better promotion of the opening acts. Walcott would like more market research for future applications.

Belschner motions to award \$1,000 to CHLPC for their Summer Concert Series. Hammer seconds. Roll call vote: Walker - aye, Famularo - aye, Hammer - aye, Belschner - aye, Walcott - aye, and Roelke - aye. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Sarah Meintzer represented the Columbus, WI Area Chamber of Commerce for its application of \$1,000 that was modified from \$1,225 in room tax funding for the Chamber's Wine Walk event. The

change was to focus more on advertising than for funding a trolley. Last year's event included visitors within 25 miles of Columbus, and many stayed with family.

Belschner motioned to accept the application. Hammer seconds. Discussion included impact on local businesses. Sarah stated that businesses had positive reviews and saw a boost from those attending. The Commission would like for the group to get data for lodging if possible. Belschner asked about the State Statute for tourism funding. Bennett cited that the State looks for likelihood of generating paid lodging stays and does not guarantee those stays. Belschner suggested the Chamber use a survey. Sarah will utilize Eventbrite for the survey. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

New Business

5. Bennett recommended that the City cedes the Events.com calendar to the Columbus, WI Area Chamber of Commerce. The City would like to avoid potential issues with religious events and not appear to be selective of which events are included. Staff cited that since the Chamber is a non-profit, it would be easier for it to solicit other groups for event additions along with promoting the calendar to other local organization websites. Bennett has support from the Chamber, City Administration, and from a newly created Community Collaboration Group. Bennett stated the calendar can still be added to the Tourism website.

Roelke motions to cede Events.com community calendar management to the Chamber of Commerce. Famularo seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

6. Bennett recapped previous discussion regarding the process and guidelines for awarding room tax funding for local events. Bennett presented a proposal for room tax funding guidelines that highlighted objective, categories, process, scoring criteria, and final report materials. The commission discussed the application being awarded with monies given after a review or if the monies were awarded after a final report as a reimbursement. The commission likes the categories but would like to see the sponsorship category be included into the others as part of a requirement. Amundson brought up a concept of an annual de-escalation of funding for repeat events in order to create self-sustaining long-term events. Famularo and Bennett talked about possibly implementing either an annual or bi-annual deadline for submissions, review, and awarding. This could help make budgeting easier. Roelke would like the discussion to continue at the next meeting. The commission agreed.
7. Bennett presented a sales proposal from WMTV Channel 15 for TV and digital ads. There were multiple items, but Bennett focused on WMTV's one day sale costing \$6,000 for 50 commercials and WMTV's holiday bundle consisting of airing ads on their Sounds of the Season program and 15 Days Before Christmas giveaway. The bundle costs \$2,500. After discussing potential return on investment for TV ads, the Tourism Commission decided to not select any of WMTV's options. No motions were made.
8. Bennett presented a sales proposal from Madison Media Partners (MMP) for print and digital ads. There were multiple items, but the Tourism Commission focused on option 1 that included digital banner video, targeted pre-roll, Facebook, ad mail, and print. Option 1 costs \$4,000. Belschner asked if it could include geo-digital that targets ads based on location. The Commission debated whether to have 2 half-page ads or just the 1. Walcott asked about the effectiveness of just promoting the holiday train and not including other events. Bennett stated that the ad buy is just for the holiday train.

Famularo motions to purchase option #1 for \$4,000 and allow for staff to purchase up to an additional \$3,000 for holiday marketing. Walker seconds. Roll call vote: Roelke - aye, Walcott - aye, Famularo - aye, Walker - aye, Hammer - aye, Belschner - abstain. Motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Bennett presented to the Tourism Commission an update to the kayak rental usage since it's delivery. The rental has been utilized 13 times, with 4 of those coming from Rent.Fun's membership pass and 9 from general rentals. The membership pass purchases did not originate at the Columbu, so no revenue was earned on those due to the pass' perk of free rentals at any location with purchase and acting like a pre-pay. Revenue from passes is only generated at the location from which they are purchased. The other 9 rentals generated \$275 in revenue in which Tourism is estimated to receive \$137.50 in revenue share. Peak usage times from all rentals were from 4:30pm until 7:00pm.

Items for future agendas include further discussion on room tax funding guidelines and final reports from the Redbud Players and Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting will be December 9th at 6:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Famularo motions to adjourn the meeting. Walker seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

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.

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Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 09, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Walcott.

A quorum of the Tourism Commission present included Belschner, Famularo, Hammer, Roelke, and Walcott. Staff liaison Bennett was also present.

Bennett informed the commission that the meeting was properly noticed.

Famularo motions to approve the agenda for Monday, December 9, 2024, as presented. Belschner seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Hammer motions to approve the minutes from November 4, 2024, as presented. Famularo seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

1. Hammer motions to approve the minutes from Tourism Commission meeting from November 4, 2024. Famularo seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

There were no members of the public in attendance for public comment. No other correspondence was received.

Unfinished Business

2. Belschner presented the final report on behalf of the Redbud Players. Belschner had a good draw from posting the events to 48 niche Facebook group pages. The Redbud Players had 385 paid ticket attendance for the plays and 92 attendees at their Halloween event. 29 tickets were purchased by out-of-state visitors.

Walcott commented that more digital ads should help improve attendance. Walcott also commented that the various local groups in town hosting events can work together to promote each other's events. Belschner agreed about cross-promoting events and cited the Wine Walk as an example.

Hammer motions to award the \$800 in room tax funds to the Redbud Players. Famularo seconds. Roll call vote: Roelke - aye, Belschner - abstain, Famularo - aye, Hammer - aye, and Walcott - aye. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

3. Bennett presented an updated working draft of new guidelines for room tax funding applications. The new updates were based on discussion from the previous meeting.

The highlighted changes include removing a sponsorship category and incorporating it into the other three (Development, Event, and Marketing) that applicants can apply for, a 2nd version of the process details and two options for timelines to follow. The commission had a lengthy discussion debating if the awarding should be upfront or as a reimbursement. After weighing pros and cons, the consensus is to have the awarding remain as reimbursement.

The commission agreed that the version 2 process was easier to follow. There was further discussion regarding the timeline for option 1 which lists dates for applications, review, and awarding. Walcott questioned the January of the following year for reimbursement and felt that it

may be a burden to groups. Belschner and Roelke agreed that groups should have their budget set and utilize the room tax dollars for bigger reach / bigger event for the next year. Famularo sees the timeline as efficient and supports it, but emphasized there needs to be communication about it to local groups. Hammer offered a compromise of offering some leeway as part of an education campaign if groups applied after the deadline. Walcott asked each member what they would prefer. The commission agreed to use version 2 process with option 1 timeline. Roelke commented that the new guidelines will provide an opportunity for stability for granting to existing events with hopes that the commission will eventually create a startup grant for new and smaller events.

Bennett received direction to create a clean copy of the guidelines and include the 2025 budget tied to the room tax funding for the January Tourism Commission meeting.

New Business

Staff Reports

Bennett presented the November budget statement. There were no new room tax revenues reported. Notable expenditures include \$71.91 from the web/media line item for ArchiveSocial contribution and \$143.76 from marketing/advertising line item for Google Ads. Invoices from Madison Media Partners will be reported in December's statement. Bennett cited there is \$20,461.76 remaining in the 2024 budget.

Since the Redbud Players \$800 room tax request was approved, the Special Events fund is tentatively at \$200. Pending approval of the Chamber's Wine Walk application for funding and awarding of their \$1,000 request, Bennett will utilize the expense line policy as approved by the Tourism Commission at its November 2024 meeting.

Future agenda items include continuing the room tax funding guidelines overhaul and Chamber's Wine Walk final report for next meeting. Additionally, staff updates for the Holiday Train, kayak rental, and community calendar will be included. Bennett informed the Tourism Commission of the Beautification Committee's desire for a partnership to have banners on light poles. They would like to be on the agenda for January's meeting.

The next Tourism Commission meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Famularo motions to adjourn the meeting. Hammer seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:44pm.

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.

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Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 06, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Walcott called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

A quorum consisted of Hammer, Belschner, Walcott, and Walker were present. Staff liaison Bennett was also present.

Members of the Beautification Committee were in attendance.

Bennett informed the Tourism Commission that the meeting was properly noticed.

Belschner would like to move item #4, Discussion with the Beautification Committee regarding banners from under New Business, to after Public Comment. The Commission agrees.

Belschner motions to approve the agenda with the change of moving item #4, discussion with the Beautification Committee about banners from New Business to after Public Comment. Walker seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

1. Hammer motions to approve the minutes as written from the meeting of December 9, 2024. Belschner seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

There were no comments at this time from the members of the Beautification Committee.

There were no other members of the public in attendance for public comment, nor any correspondence received.

2. City Administrator, Amundson gave a brief introduction to the Beautification Committee's idea of partnering with the Tourism Commission to replace the banners decorating the downtown light poles. Amundson cited the group wanted to avoid duplication and possibly collaborate if tourism is planning the same project.

The Tourism Commission asked about a potential timeline for the project. Alder Lawson stated that the project goal would ideally be spring of 2025. Additionally, the banners could be expanded to the new light poles on Farnham Street by the high school with the school district's support. The banners could be done in 2026 and possibly in phases to cut down on initial costs.

Belschner asked about designs. Lawson stated that there were options such as seasonal designs and custom designs. Walcott suggested the Beautification Committee reach out to the school district and parochial schools' art departments and have a contest that showcases students' work. Boness informed Walcott that the committee already worked with the Columbus School District and had a design, but it was rejected by Council. Belschner added that the design should be more than just the school. Amundson explained that the committee could consider the previous design while looking at 2-3 additional designs. There could be new opportunities near the school for a school-centric design with other themes for the downtown area.

Walcott asked Bennett if there were possible funds in the tourism budget to assist with the project. Bennett stated that they could use the materials and services line item, but most of the money there is potentially earmarked for digital signage or a kiosk. Belschner asked Amundson if the City is a 501(c)(3) in order to get funding. Amundson cited that City government is not. Hammer asked about the donors who have contributed to the mural project. Boness stated that those donors only contributed to the murals. Hammer may follow up with them.

Both the Tourism Commission and Beautification Committee are interested in potential partnership. Amundson stated that Beautification Committee will create a proposal for a future meeting.

Unfinished Business

3. The Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce did not submit a report or have a representative present to give the report for its 2024 Wine Walk funding request of \$1,000.

Belschner motions to deny the funding due to lack of a final report. Hammer seconds. Roll call vote: Walker - abstain, Belschner - aye, Hammer - aye, and Walcott - aye. Motion carries with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

Hammer and Walcott would like to give the Chamber a chance to submit its report due to this meeting taking place within the 60 days from their Wine Walk event. The Chamber has until January 30th to submit their report. Walcott proposes to give staff the authority to approve report if it meets guidelines. Walcott indicated that the Chamber has photos from the event and Walker stated they have their receipts from the event, so they should be able to submit a report.

Hammer motions for the Tourism Commission to delegate staff authority to award reimbursement based on guidelines if the Chamber submits their final report within 60 days. Walcott seconds. Roll call vote: Belschner - nay, Walcott - aye, Hammer - aye, Walker - abstain. Motion carries with 2 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstain.

Due to the conflict of the two motions, Hammer makes a motion to rescind the original denial of funding to the Chamber of Commerce. Belschner seconds. Roll call vote: Hammer - aye, Walcott - aye, Belschner - aye, Walker - abstain. Motion carries with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

Bennett will apply guidelines to any submitted final report from the Chamber's 2024 Wine Walk event. If it meets guidelines and is awarded requested funding, Bennett will update the Tourism Commission and implement expense line policy as directed.

4. Bennett presented to the commission a cleaned-up draft of the proposed new guidelines for distributing room tax funding for tourism events and development. The Tourism Commission discussed the potential of applications being received after March 31. Belschner suggested those applications be placed on a wait list. Hammer asked about a possible exemption or leeway for the first 1 or 2 years for implementation. Walker suggested adding a line that says applications will be placed on a wait list based on available funding. The commission agreed to add that line. It would be added in the timeline section.

The other edits would include the addition of the word "in" for the 4th bullet in the timeline section. There was discussion about the final report due date as it may not give staff enough time to process reports for commission review. Hammer suggested December 23rd. Belschner would like "emailed or delivered to City Hall" to be included as well.

Belschner motioned to approve the new guidelines with the changes as discussed. Walker seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

New Business

5. According to the Tourism Ordinance, the Tourism Commission held its election of officers. Hammer alerted the Commission that appointments to this commission are annual, and that not all applications for appointments / re-appointments were submitted yet. The Council will approve appointments at its meeting on January 21, 2025. The Tourism Commission can still hold its election but may need to hold a new election if the roster changes after the appointments are approved.

Hammer motions to nominate and re-elect the current officers which include Walcott as Chair, Famularo as Vice-Chair, and Walker as Secretary. Belschner seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Walcott would like to go over the Tourism Ordinance at a future meeting.

Staff Reports

Bennett presented the December budget update along with presenting the 2025 budget.

There were no new room tax revenues to report.

Notable expenditures include \$2,365.53 for holiday train ads from Madison Media Partners. Staff is waiting for Google Ads invoices. The Tourism Fund has \$15,421.84 remaining pending invoices and potential Wine Walk reimbursement.

The 2025 budget includes \$20,000 for materials and services, with most earmarked for digital signage and/or kiosk, \$10,000 for general tourism marketing, and \$10,000 for special events to help local groups with tourism marketing, events, and development in the city.

Bennett presented end-of-season use of the new kayak rental units. Despite arriving at the end of September, it was utilized 17 times with the City / Tourism earning an estimated \$137.50. Walker would like to see signage for the kayak rental / launch near the road towards Rotary Park. Bennett will check the current wayfinding signs for open spots to order vinyl stickers for. Bennett suggested talking to the Rotary Club to put signs underneath the Rotary signs at the park.

Bennett updated the Tourism Commission regarding the management of the community calendar. Due to how Events.com sets up accounts, staff would effectively maintain its current account but add to the Chamber account's calendar instead. Walcott suggested some sort of succession planning in the event the Chamber isn't able to maintain the calendar.

Future Agenda Items

Items for future agendas include a potential update regarding the Wine Walk funding request and reviewing the tourism ordinance.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025.

Adjourn

Belschner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hammer seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:37pm.

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COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

159 S. Ludington St.
Columbus, WI. 53925
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Item #2.

February 16, 2025

Mayor Hammer
Members of the Common Council
Columbus Police and Fire Commission:

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT, JANUARY 2025

Attached is the monthly report for the Columbus Police Department.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions.

Chief Dennis Weiner



COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

159 S. Ludington St.
 Columbus, WI. 53925
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 920-623-5930 (Fax)

Item #2.

PERSONNEL

The department is not fully staffed. Current staffing as of February 16, 2025:

	Authorized by Budget	Actual
<u>Sworn Officers</u>		
Full-time sworn police positions:	10	8
Patrol Officer Full time	6	5
Sergeant	1	0
Lieutenant	2	2
Chief	1	1
<u>Clerical</u>		
Office Manager (full-time)	1	1
Public Safety Clerk (full-time)	1	1

Current Staff:

Name	Date of Hire
Chief Dennis Weiner	02/18/2008
Lieutenant Roger Witthun	12/17/2001
Lieutenant Darrel Ward	09/19/2022
Sergeant Mike Rosecky	12/30/2022
Officer Julia Knoll	01/03/2022
Officer Matt Dammen	01/03/2023
Officer Spencer Trevorrow	07/31/2023
Officer Colton Hayes	07/30/2024
Officer Cole Vance	08/05/2024
Officer Terry Seely(part time)	
Officer James Kicmol (part time)	09/25/2023
Office Manager Erika Kellar	02/04/1999
Public Safety Clerk Kimberly Kehoe	01/13/2025



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PERSONNEL:

Only 1 application was received for the Lieutenant position, who was an internal applicant. I interviewed the applicant at length about my expectations for this position moving forward. He was then interviewed by the Police and Fire Commission her certified him as being eligible for hire. I subsequently promoted Sergeant Michael Rosecky to Lieutenant effective January 20, 2025. Lieutenant Rosecky has been with the Columbus Police Department for 2 years as a Sergeant. Prior to that he was a patrol deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for 7 years. He is a current member of the multi-jurisdictional Columbia County Emergency Response Team (ERT) and has extensive training in various tactical areas, including Active Threat and Active Shooter. He is also a certified firearms instructor and also serves as a FTO (Field Training Officer) who trains and works with new employees when hired.

The promotion of Sergeant Rosecky to Lieutenant Rosecky has created a Sergeant vacancy. The Police and Fire Commission approved posting internally only first. I received 1 application. That promotion process continues.

TRAINING:

All officers attended the annual county wide in-service with all other departments within the county. The training was held in Portage. Topics included legal update, technology updates, and ½ the day was spent doing active shooter training. The active shooter training was held in an abandoned school in the City of Portage and provides for a very realistic environment. Officers used simunition rounds in specially converted firearms during this training. Simunition rounds are plastic rounds that include a water-based soap that indicates where the round impacts. These rounds sting and can cause injuries to the skin. Layered clothing and protective head and face gear is worn by all participants.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/CITATIONS:

During the month of November officers issued 83 traffic citations, 150 warnings and 23 ordinance citations.

MATTERS OF INTEREST:

We took a report of contractor fraud from an elderly resident of the city. She paid a contractor from out of town some money in May 2024 for some work at her residence. The work was never done. Excuses and promises were made to get the work done or pay her back. There was no follow thru and the elderly person reported it to us. We are attempting to locate the suspect to take him into custody for Theft by Contractor.

A vehicle was reported stolen from a residence on W. James Street. The current owner did not have a loan on the vehicle and there was no reason it would have been repossessed. It was entered as stolen into the national database. Officers spent a significant amount of time doing neighborhood and business canvasses for any witnesses or video footage. It was discovered the next day the vehicle had been repossessed, incorrectly. The previous owner had a loan on the vehicle through a prominent national auto finance company, headquartered in California. For some reason, their computer flagged this vehicle as being up for repossession, which notifies a 3rd party company electronically, who is a broker for the finance company, and assigns a tow company to do the repossession. The owner got her car back the next afternoon. I assisted on this investigation and was very disappointed with the "It happens all the time" and other dismissive comments from an upper-level manager at the nation auto finance company as well as the broker.

A local business received a notice last year purported to be from a company they do business with, reporting of a change in routing number and account number to send electronic payments to. It was on that company letterhead, including the persons signature block they normally deal with. They made the change in their system and began sending payments to the new routing and account number. It was a scam. The local business was contacted by the real company several months later



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inquiring about the \$35,000 they were behind in payments. The company stated there had been no change in the routing and account number to make payments to. The payments had been made, but to the scam banking information. That matter is under investigation.

Officers were up on USH 151 on 2 occasions this month closing and/or diverting traffic off the highway due to part of the road being closed due to traffic crashes.

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Columbus Police Department
Total CAD Calls Received, by Nature of Call

Nature of Call	Total Calls
911 HANG UP	17
ACCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	9
ACCIDENT WITH PERSONAL INJURY	4
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	11
BURGLAR ALARM	5
FIRE ALARM	3
MEDICAL ALARM	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2
ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT	2
ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	1
BATTERY	2
BOND VIOLATION	1
DETOX	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	15
COMPLIANCE CHECKS	1
CONTROLLED	11
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3
DEATH INVESTIGATION	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	6
DOMESTIC ABUSE	2
DPW	2
DRIVING COMPLAINT	10
ELUDING	2
EMS CALL	21
ESCORT	1
EXTRA PATROL	4
FIRE GAS LEAK/CARBON MONOXIDE	2
VEHICLE FIRE	1
FLEET MAINTENANCE	3
FOOT PATROL	2
FRAUD	5
HARASSMENT	3
ROAD HAZARD	5
HOUSE WATCH	2
JUVENILE INCIDENT	5



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LOST AND FOUND	3
NOISE COMPLAINT	1
OUT WITH PERSON	5
OPEN DOOR	6
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	7
OWI	1
PARKING ENFORCMENT	43
PARKING VIOLATION	7
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
SECURITY	143
SPECIAL EVENT	1
SUSPICIOUS	4
THEFT	1
THREAT	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
TRAFFIC STOP	207
TRO/INJ VIOL	1
UNWANTED PERSON	1
VEH LOCKOUT	7
VEH THEFT	1
WARRANT	1
WELFARE	13

Total Calls: 626

CITY OF COLUMBUS
TREASURER'S REPORT of CASH & INVESTMENTS
December 31, 2024

TREASURER'S CASH FUND - CO-MINGLED CHECKING

Cash on Hand - Beginning of Month: (adjusted)	\$	(273,495.74)
Payroll Cash - Beginning of Month	\$	3,264.41
Receipts	\$	5,086,159.97
Disbursements	\$	(1,215,039.60)
Cash on Hand - End of Month:	\$	3,600,889.04

Fund#	Co-Mingled Cash includes:		
100	General Fund	\$	749,383.81
201	Development Fees Fund	\$	8,056.96
205	Community Development Authority	\$	34,198.42
210	Library Fund	\$	117,687.46
215	CAAC (Pool) Fund	\$	(25,944.21)
220	Room Tax Fund	\$	(10,247.69)
225	Cable TV Fund	\$	140,659.27
230	Solid Waste Fund	\$	(46,046.54)
235	Hillside Cemetery Fund	\$	17,815.97
240	Columbus Emergency Medical	\$	62,988.65
245	Special Revenue Fd - Parks	\$	121,012.20
250	Tourism Commission	\$	59,850.78
260	City Loan Program	\$	14,053.56
300	Debt Service Fund	\$	44,169.31
410	TIF #3	\$	4,712.29
412	TIF #4	\$	20,140.65
413	TIF #5	\$	(15,506.79)
414	TIF #6	\$	24,803.82
415	Capital Project Funds	\$	1,489,981.05
417	TIF #7	\$	771,611.55
650	Stormwater Utility	\$	17,943.82
800	Trust Funds (Cash on Hand)	\$	(106.32)
810	Historic Land Preservation	\$	(19.98)
820	Hillside Cemetery Association	\$	(309.00)
TOTAL CO-MINGLED CHECKING - CASH FUNDS		\$	3,600,889.04

CASH SAVINGS & INVESTMENT FUNDS

Treasurer's Cash Fund - Savings & Investments Summary:			
General Fund (F&M Savings & LGIP)	\$	5,013,092.82	
	<i>Subtotal:</i>	\$	5,013,092.82
All Other Funds Savings & Investments Summary:			
Community Development Authority	\$	61,197.40	
Columbus Public Library	\$	50,821.12	
Cable Fund	\$	117,152.90	
Cemetery	\$	132,355.40	
TIF #3	\$	237,573.03	
TIF #4	\$	337,707.11	
Capital Projects Fund	\$	57,830.13	
Designated Investments Fund - Public Safety	\$	831,681.69	
Designated Investments Fund - Various	\$	58,938.08	
	<i>Subtotal:</i>	\$	1,885,256.86
TOTAL CASH SAVINGS & INVESTMENT FUNDS:	\$	6,898,349.68	

GRAND TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS:	\$	10,499,238.72
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INVESTMENTS - MONTH END
December 2024

FUND:		December 2024	RATE:
#100	TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool - Unrestricted	\$ 850,082.85	4.93%
	F&M UNION BANK - SAVINGS - Unrestricted	\$ 4,163,009.97	0.75%
		\$ 5,013,092.82	
#205	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool - Designated	\$ 61,197.40	4.93%
		\$ 61,197.40	
	LIBRARY/COUNTY FUND SUMMARY		
#210	F&M UNION BANK - CDARS PROGRAM	\$ 34,554.24	4.75%
#830	F&M UNION BANK - CDARS PROGRAM	\$ 16,266.88	4.75%
		\$ 50,821.12	
#225	CABLE TELEVISION FUND		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool - Designated	\$ 117,152.90	4.93%
		\$ 117,152.90	
#235	HILLSIDE CEMETERY		
	F&M - CDARS PROGRAM - COLUMBARIUM RESERVE	\$ 7,230.03	4.25%
	F&M - CDARS PROGRAM - COLUMBARIUM PERPETUAL	\$ 5,038.32	4.25%
	F&M - CDARS PROGRAM - CEMETERY PERPETUAL	\$ 63,986.79	4.25%
	F&M - CDARS PROGRAM - LEGACY	\$ 30,100.26	4.85%
	EDWARD JONES - INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO	\$ 26,000.00	4.75%
		\$ 132,355.40	
#410	TIF DISTRICT #3		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Restricted Trust Fund	\$ 237,573.03	4.93%
		\$ 237,573.03	
#412	TIF DISTRICT #4		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Designated	\$ 186,343.24	4.93%
	F&M UNION BANK - CDARS PROGRAM - Designated	\$ 151,363.87	4.90%
		\$ 337,707.11	
#415	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- 2017 Bond Funds	\$ 6,671.51	4.93%
	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Asset Disposal Proceeds	\$ 51,158.62	4.93%
		\$ 57,830.13	
	PUBLIC SAFETY DESIGNATED SAVINGS		
#415	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Fire Truck Restoration	\$ 29,820.46	4.93%
#100	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Fire Truck Purchase	\$ 381,496.58	4.93%
#100	LGIP-Local Gov't Inv Pool- Public Safety Bldg	\$ 420,364.65	4.93%
		\$ 831,681.69	
	GENERAL FUND - DESIGNATED FUNDS		
#100	Animal Rescue Fund	\$743.30	
#800	Beautification (Mae Ward)	\$9,194.34	
#800	Beautification Committee - Donations	\$5,900.46	
#100	Chaplain Program	\$53.03	
#100	State Fire Dues - 2% Dues	\$35,714.38	
#100	Fire Department - Donations	\$7,332.58	
		\$58,938.08	0.75%
GRAND TOTAL - INVESTED FUNDS:		\$ 6,898,349.68	

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GENERAL FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	2,622,753.07	2,756,009.74	2,797,339.00	41,329.26	98.5
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AIDS	1,104,449.52	1,259,134.97	1,254,260.73	(4,874.24)	100.4
LICENSES & PERMITS	76,723.22	97,008.95	97,300.00	291.05	99.7
PENALTIES & FORFEITURES	40,805.86	6,123.30	17,500.00	11,376.70	35.0
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	163,165.02	255,716.46	91,147.39	(164,569.07)	280.6
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	3,441.02	2,618.53	4,200.00	1,581.47	62.4
COMMUNITY CTR/RECREATION REV	114,992.99	114,029.37	109,340.00	(4,689.37)	104.3
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	510,796.11	104,319.83	79,101.00	(25,218.83)	131.9
SPECIAL FUNDS ACTIVITY	82,668.40	44,749.07	926,158.10	881,409.03	4.8
	4,719,795.21	4,639,710.22	5,376,346.22	736,636.00	86.3
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CITY COUNCIL	16,522.35	30,817.32	30,266.60	(550.72)	101.8
MUNICIPAL COURT COLLECTIONS	.00	3,401.63	2,182.00	(1,219.63)	155.9
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	2,659.56	4,865.74	9,000.00	4,134.26	54.1
CONTINGENCY FUND	53,346.14	16,906.09	520,000.00	503,093.91	3.3
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT	9,402.57	6,261.86	17,200.00	10,938.14	36.4
MAYOR	6,268.66	12,581.41	12,730.30	148.89	98.8
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	94,319.28	79,027.28	82,178.35	3,151.07	96.2
CITY CLERK	70,318.09	159,975.11	190,950.60	30,975.49	83.8
ELECTIONS	6,953.38	12,544.24	21,426.40	8,882.16	58.6
PLANNING & ZONING	48,449.11	6,985.94	22,211.12	15,225.18	31.5
MEDIA OPERATIONS	66,803.17	70,974.15	68,913.29	(2,060.86)	103.0
ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY	22,185.33	50,168.48	21,850.00	(28,318.48)	229.6
CITY TREASURER	52,779.93	74,434.76	68,821.38	(5,613.38)	108.2
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE; AUDIT	38,582.00	38,298.00	47,500.00	9,202.00	80.6
PROFESSIONAL SVCS; ATTORNEY	65,406.00	71,978.34	67,500.00	(4,478.34)	106.6
CITY HALL	105,268.39	184,179.44	201,175.07	16,995.63	91.6
INSURANCE	108,834.57	116,493.00	115,000.00	(1,493.00)	101.3
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	1,507.35	229.91	5,500.00	5,270.09	4.2
INSPECTIONS	37,312.92	49,586.10	56,650.00	7,063.90	87.5
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES	164,422.00	860.00	.00	(860.00)	.0
POLICE ADMINISTRATION	427,225.93	495,256.26	500,542.52	5,286.26	98.9
POLICE PATROL- FIELD SERVICES	722,803.13	682,188.56	798,375.11	116,186.55	85.5
SUPPORT SERVICES	123,079.53	118,862.98	130,205.87	11,342.89	91.3
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	26,708.41	27,731.80	31,392.53	3,660.73	88.3
FIRE DEPARTMENT	345,897.98	448,679.13	352,121.72	(96,557.41)	127.4
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	4,590.74	6,266.87	15,288.57	9,021.70	41.0
UDEY DAM	15,186.05	6,997.95	6,031.37	(966.58)	116.0
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	95,908.65	97,910.44	97,910.42	(.02)	100.0
STREET LIGHTING	118,457.56	123,457.59	122,000.00	(1,457.59)	101.2
MUNICIPAL GARAGE	117,984.26	146,180.98	161,879.56	15,698.58	90.3
PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION	144,977.45	133,712.80	174,038.32	40,325.52	76.8
STREETS & TRAFFIC CONTROL	219,447.66	206,362.64	217,219.34	10,856.70	95.0
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	88,774.84	140,967.49	132,099.26	(8,868.23)	106.7
CITY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	60,359.75	81,348.08	84,643.08	3,295.00	96.1
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00	100.0

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COMMUNITY CENTER	118,302.83	134,944.25	137,944.70	3,000.45	97.8
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	149,829.16	202,342.76	200,543.11	(1,799.65)	100.9
PARKS	172,168.93	201,141.99	191,244.25	(9,897.74)	105.2
ATHLETIC FIELDS	26,713.62	22,248.13	22,552.26	304.13	98.7
FORESTRY	110,641.60	113,127.89	123,569.34	10,441.45	91.6
WEED CONTROL	5,258.77	26,213.16	31,689.78	5,476.62	82.7
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - OTHER	52,189.79	66,415.20	35,000.00	(31,415.20)	189.8
TRANSFERS	.00	206,000.00	206,000.00	.00	100.0
CONTRIBUTION TO CDA FUND 205	15,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	.00	100.0
CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER FUNDS	1,500.00	8,730.10	1,500.00	(7,230.10)	582.0
	4,135,847.44	4,729,155.85	5,376,346.22	647,190.37	88.0
	583,947.77	(89,445.63)	.00	89,445.63	.0

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIT

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AIDS	45,372.42	80,373.58	82,000.00	1,626.42	98.0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,408.23	3,638.62	2,980.00	(658.62)	122.1
	48,780.65	84,012.20	84,980.00	967.80	98.9
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CDA; PERSONNEL	16,925.62	31,489.04	35,214.90	3,725.86	89.4
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,813.98	31,802.38	49,750.00	17,947.62	63.9
	23,739.60	63,291.42	84,964.90	21,673.48	74.5
	25,041.05	20,720.78	15.10	(20,705.68)	13722

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LIBRARY FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	290,000.00	295,000.00	295,000.00	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	151,692.92	153,570.17	152,431.42	(1,138.75)	100.8
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	9,920.69	30,238.31	6,500.00	(23,738.31)	465.2
SPECIAL FUNDS ACTIVITY	.00	.00	9,801.68	9,801.68	.0
	451,613.61	478,808.48	463,733.10	(15,075.38)	103.3
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
LIBRARY	470,815.07	451,934.96	457,233.10	5,298.14	98.8
LIBRARY - ANNEX	46,099.99	9,027.05	6,500.00	(2,527.05)	138.9
	516,915.06	460,962.01	463,733.10	2,771.09	99.4
	(65,301.45)	17,846.47	.00	(17,846.47)	.0

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AQUATIC CENTER

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	114,454.00	100,250.00	100,250.00	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	168,186.42	164,920.48	183,800.00	18,879.52	89.7
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,692.26	9,812.56	5,220.00	(4,592.56)	188.0
	290,332.68	274,983.04	289,270.00	14,286.96	95.1
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
AQUATIC CENTER - POOL	294,772.22	295,173.13	289,270.00	(5,903.13)	102.0
	294,772.22	295,173.13	289,270.00	(5,903.13)	102.0
	(4,439.54)	(20,190.09)	.00	20,190.09	.0

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ROOM TAX FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	51,241.39	49,578.60	55,000.00	5,421.40	90.1
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	150.62	163.56	150.00	(13.56)	109.0
	51,392.01	49,742.16	55,150.00	5,407.84	90.2
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
ROOM TAX	51,241.39	49,578.60	55,000.00	5,421.40	90.1
	51,241.39	49,578.60	55,000.00	5,421.40	90.1
	150.62	163.56	150.00	(13.56)	109.0

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CABLE TV FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
LICENSES, PERMITS	64,222.01	48,963.04	65,891.97	16,928.93	74.3
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,383.07	6,183.31	2,000.00	(4,183.31)	309.2
	70,605.08	55,146.35	67,891.97	12,745.62	81.2
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION	9,381.95	11,145.58	27,067.04	15,921.46	41.2
CABLE OTHER EXPENSES	34,221.91	31,181.91	38,368.57	7,186.66	81.3
	43,603.86	42,327.49	65,435.61	23,108.12	64.7
	27,001.22	12,818.86	2,456.36	(10,362.50)	521.9

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SOLID WASTE FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	356,960.00	386,035.09	403,585.71	17,550.62	95.7
RECYCLING FEES	6,488.21	4,429.39	5,500.00	1,070.61	80.5
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	132.40	227.54	50.00	(177.54)	455.1
	363,580.61	390,692.02	409,135.71	18,443.69	95.5
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	57,026.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
SANITARY LANDFILL	344,984.14	349,239.93	382,411.20	33,171.27	91.3
RECYCLING; WAGES	8,807.64	8,901.40	10,142.91	1,241.51	87.8
RECYCLING; EXPENSES	15,883.02	14,472.59	16,581.60	2,109.01	87.3
	426,700.80	372,613.92	409,135.71	36,521.79	91.1
	(63,120.19)	18,078.10	.00	(18,078.10)	.0

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HILLSIDE CEMETERY

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
SUBSIDY FROM CITY	54,918.00	56,306.00	56,306.00	.00	100.0
SOURCE 45	.00	11,750.00	.00	(11,750.00)	.0
CEMETERY - FEES COLLECTED	22,350.00	15,078.92	20,900.00	5,821.08	72.2
CEMETERY; MISC REVENUES	7,834.70	7,929.24	1,440.00	(6,489.24)	550.6
CEMETERY - PERPETUAL CARE	5,125.00	3,193.98	79,030.56	75,836.58	4.0
	90,227.70	94,258.14	157,676.56	63,418.42	59.8
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
HILLSIDE CEMETERY	49,858.24	127,964.59	152,276.56	24,311.97	84.0
TRANSFER TO OTHER INVESTMENTS	.00	.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	.0
	49,858.24	127,964.59	157,676.56	29,711.97	81.2
	40,369.46	(33,706.45)	.00	33,706.45	.0

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - PARKS

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
PARKS - MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	22,894.17	77,319.94	67,689.07	(9,630.87)	114.2
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	.00	.00	82,355.93	82,355.93	.0
	22,894.17	77,319.94	150,045.00	72,725.06	51.5
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CAPITAL PROJECTS/PURCHASES	.00	.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	.0
	.00	.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	.0
	22,894.17	77,319.94	45.00	(77,274.94)	17182

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TOURISM COMMISSION

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
ROOM TAX FUNDING	35,868.97	34,705.02	38,500.00	3,794.98	90.1
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	221.12	229.34	100.00	(129.34)	229.3
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
	36,090.09	34,934.36	43,600.00	8,665.64	80.1
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
TOURISM; PERSONNEL	21,596.38	21,234.15	31,100.00	9,865.85	68.3
TOURISM; CONTRIBUTION TO GF	14,042.49	13,567.16	12,500.00	(1,067.16)	108.5
	35,638.87	34,801.31	43,600.00	8,798.69	79.8
	451.22	133.05	.00	(133.05)	.0

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CITY LOAN PROGRAM

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
INTEREST INCOME	986.08	1,038.88	1,066.26	27.38	97.4
	986.08	1,038.88	1,066.26	27.38	97.4
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.0
	986.08	1,038.88	1,066.26	27.38	97.4

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DEBT SERVICE FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	875,000.00	927,279.00	927,279.00	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	69,642.79	7,412.49	31,994.85	24,582.36	23.2
INTEREST INCOME	6,143.52	451.37	9,824.58	9,373.21	4.6
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	109,206.25	107,548.75	107,348.75	(200.00)	100.2
	1,059,992.56	1,042,691.61	1,076,447.18	33,755.57	96.9
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	2,750.00	7,000.00	2,750.00	(4,250.00)	254.6
DEBT SERVICE	1,033,966.83	454,699.33	1,073,697.18	618,997.85	42.4
	1,036,716.83	461,699.33	1,076,447.18	614,747.85	42.9
	23,275.73	580,992.28	.00	(580,992.28)	.0

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TIF #4 FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	360,111.05	394,756.97	394,756.97	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	14,146.70	17,507.34	10,000.00	(7,507.34)	175.1
	374,257.75	412,264.31	404,756.97	(7,507.34)	101.9
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PERSONNEL	15,318.57	22,246.53	23,833.08	1,586.55	93.3
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,526.96	3,723.59	6,700.00	2,976.41	55.6
CAPITAL OUTLAY	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.0
DEPARTMENT 1000	5,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	.00	100.0
DEBT SERVICE	109,206.25	97,022.50	107,348.75	10,326.25	90.4
DEVELOPER INCENTIVE	249,686.82	283,359.53	254,680.56	(28,678.97)	111.3
	380,738.60	414,852.15	402,062.39	(12,789.76)	103.2
	(6,480.85)	(2,587.84)	2,694.58	5,282.42	(96.0)

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TIF #5 FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	17,612.00	20,313.02	20,313.02	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	1.78	4.96	.00	(4.96)	.0
	17,613.78	20,317.98	20,313.02	(4.96)	100.0
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PERSONNEL	20,741.95	25,987.70	30,233.09	4,245.39	86.0
DEPARTMENT 1000	5,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	.00	100.0
	25,741.95	34,487.70	38,733.09	4,245.39	89.0
	(8,128.17)	(14,169.72)	(18,420.07)	(4,250.35)	(76.9)

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TIF #6 FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	24,817.00	60,685.50	60,685.50	.00	100.0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	115.97	.00	(115.97)	.0
	24,817.00	60,801.47	60,685.50	(115.97)	100.2
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PERSONNEL	20,063.57	25,948.33	29,733.09	3,784.76	87.3
DEPARTMENT 1000	5,000.00	8,500.00	8,500.00	.00	100.0
DEVELOPER INCENTIVE	45,208.63	1,212.16	1,505.08	292.92	80.5
	70,272.20	35,660.49	39,738.17	4,077.68	89.7
	(45,455.20)	25,140.98	20,947.33	(4,193.65)	120.0

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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAX REVENUE	180,248.00	35,956.00	35,956.00	.00	100.0
DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS	8,099.92	16,499.95	14,500.00	(1,999.95)	113.8
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	28,620.13	2,573,872.43	1,903,835.00	(670,037.43)	135.2
OTHER REVENUE SOURCES	.00	206,000.00	237,224.00	31,224.00	86.8
	216,968.05	2,832,328.38	2,191,515.00	(640,813.38)	129.2
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CAP PRJTS; MISC. FEES	1,003.07	27,992.11	29,515.00	1,522.89	94.8
CAP PROJ; OPERATING COSTS	425,790.49	165,317.25	2,162,000.00	1,996,682.75	7.7
CAP PRJTS; ENGINEER HWY 89	105,019.33	848,869.11	.00	(848,869.11)	.0
DEPARTMENT 1200	.00	10,526.25	.00	(10,526.25)	.0
	531,812.89	1,052,704.72	2,191,515.00	1,138,810.28	48.0
	(314,844.84)	1,779,623.66	.00	(1,779,623.66)	.0

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TIF #7 FUND

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
SPECIAL FUNDS ACTIVITY	.00	849,517.80	.00	(849,517.80)	.0
	.00	849,517.80	.00	(849,517.80)	.0
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PERSONNEL	.00	26,230.36	.00	(26,230.36)	.0
DEPARTMENT 4000	.00	14,254.54	.00	(14,254.54)	.0
DEPARTMENT 4100	.00	14,487.38	.00	(14,487.38)	.0
DEPARTMENT 1100	.00	23,206.47	.00	(23,206.47)	.0
	.00	78,178.75	.00	(78,178.75)	.0
	.00	771,339.05	.00	(771,339.05)	.0

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STORM WATER

	PRIOR YEAR	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TAXES	32,000.00	45,572.00	45,572.00	.00	100.0
STORM WATER - MISC REVENUE	3.65	36.42	4.50	(31.92)	809.3
STORM WATER - OTHER FINANCE	.00	301,168.90	.00	(301,168.90)	.0
	32,003.65	346,777.32	45,576.50	(301,200.82)	760.9
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	6,794.00	25,766.75	2,900.00	(22,866.75)	888.5
OPERATING EXPENSES	18,337.32	291,736.80	42,676.50	(249,060.30)	683.6
DEBT SERVICE	.00	7,636.86	.00	(7,636.86)	.0
	25,131.32	325,140.41	45,576.50	(279,563.91)	713.4
	6,872.33	21,636.91	.00	(21,636.91)	.0



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

Item Title: Committees Restructuring

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The drafted ordinance eliminates the committee of the whole method of governance by repealing and recreating section 2-41. Now, all items go to a committee then to council. Matters concerning public works, personnel and finance, and/or items that do not have a committee go to a Committee of the Whole that meets before the council meeting so all issues can be addressed in one meeting, without a two-week delay, unless it is intended by the council.

Section 2-48 provides that unless required by statute all committees will be created the same:

- 7 members, three-year terms.
- appointed by the Mayor in May subject to approval by the Council.
- One Council member on each committee that votes
- one member of city staff for each committee to act as secretary and be non-voting.

The Senior Center Advisory Board has discussed changing the name to Community Center to more appropriately reflect the use of the facility.

I am suggesting to remove Parks and go with Recreation Committee. Park related items have not been reviewed by this committee in the past and public works maintains the City parks. With this change the ordinance would have park items going to the Committee of the Whole.

No changes were made to Tourism, Joint Review Board or Ethics. The Investment and Street Light Committees were eliminated.

There has been some discussion about eliminating the Cable Commission entirely that we would like some feedback on. The commission could be abolished if the duties of the commission are given to the Communications & Economic Development Coordinator with report/review of the Council.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance

Action Requested of Council:

CITY OF COLUMBUS

ORDINANCE _____ - ____

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL CONDUCTS ITS BUSINESS

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Sec. 2-41. – Introduction of Business, is repealed in its entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-41. – Introduction of Business.

- (a) Except as provided in (b) below, all matters, including without limitation, ordinances, resolutions and reports, shall first be reviewed by a City Commission or Committee prior to being placed on the City Council agenda for final action. The Mayor, Council President and City Administrator shall be responsible for referring the matter to the appropriate Committee including referrals as set forth in (b) below. Any Council member desiring to introduce a matter shall provide notice in writing, along with supporting documentation, to the Mayor, City Administrator and Council President for referral to the appropriate Committee.
 - (b) The Common Council, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, will hear all matters concerning public works, personnel, finance and other matters for which referral to a committee is not appropriate. The Committee of the Whole shall meet prior to a regularly scheduled Council meeting and the Committee of the Whole may refer matters to the Common Council to be addressed immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting. The Council President shall act as the Chair of the Committee of the Whole. If the Council President is not available, the Mayor shall serve in that capacity.
 - (c) **Reintroduction Restricted Unless Otherwise Provided by City Ordinance.** No proposed ordinance or resolution having once been defeated may again be introduced in the same manner or substantially same manner until 30 days after the date when the ordinance or resolution was defeated.
2. Sec. 2-48(a) – Committees, is repealed in its entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-48(a) – Committees.

- (a) The Council is authorized to create committees to assist in the governance of the City. Unless required by statute, or as otherwise set forth in this Code of Ordinances, each committee shall have 7 members, and each member shall be a resident of the City of Columbus. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council and shall serve for a three-year term. Each committee shall have 1 council member as a voting

member. The Council member shall be appointed by the Mayor at the Council's first meeting in May each year to serve a one-year term. Each committee shall have a president and vice president which shall be elected by the members of the committee at its first meeting in May each year, or as soon thereafter as the committee may meet. Each committee shall have a member of City staff acting as a liaison to the committee and to further act as secretary of the committee. Four voting members present shall constitute a quorum for each committee session.

3. Sec. 2-49 – Financial Matters, is repealed and of no further legal effect.
4. Sec. 2-51. – Citizen's Right to Address Council, is repealed in its entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-51. – Citizen's Right to Address Council.

- (a) Any person desiring to address the Common Council shall complete a sign-in sheet prior to the meeting being called to order by the presiding officer. The sign-in sheet shall identify the person's name, address and a brief explanation of the topic upon which they desire to speak. At the end of public comment, the presiding officer may verbally check with the audience to see if any other member of the public wishes to speak but did not have the opportunity to first sign in. The presiding officer shall announce the topic upon which each member of the public intends to speak before the person begins speaking. If the presiding officer determines that the comments are off-topic, abusive or otherwise out of line, the presiding officer may order the citizen to modify their comments, order the citizen to cease speaking, order the citizen to leave the Council chambers or take other such steps as may be necessary to ensure the efficient conduct of the Council's business.
- (b) If the Mayor, Council President or City Clerk receives written communication concerning a topic that is on the agenda for the upcoming meeting, the written communication shall be included in the packet of information distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. The written communication shall not be read into the record at the meeting of the Council. If written communication is received by the Mayor, Council President or City Clerk that is not concerning an item on the immediate agenda, the Mayor, Council President and City Clerk shall confer to determine if the written communication is a matter of general interest that should be shared with all members of the Council and if so, shall include the communication in the packet. "Items of general concern" shall include, but not be limited to, communications from the Wisconsin League of Municipalities or other government or civic entities or advertisements for upcoming events within the City. If a written communication is received after the packet has been distributed, it shall be included in the packet for the next meeting.
- (c) The presiding officer, in their sole discretion, may establish a time limit for persons speaking at public comment.

5. Sec. 2-261 through Sec. 2-265 – Police and Fire Commission, are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-261. – Police and Fire Commission.

- (a) The Police and Fire Commission shall consist of 5 citizens of the area served by the Columbus Fire Department. Three Commissioners shall constitute a quorum and no more than 3 shall belong to the same political party. The Mayor annually between the last Monday of April and the first Monday of May appoint in writing one member for a term of five years. The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings.
- (b) The powers and duties of the Commission shall be those prescribed in Wis. Stats. §62.13(1) through (5) except any provision thereof which is not applicable to cities of the fourth class.
6. Sec. 2-286 through Sec. 2-287 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-286. – Recreation Committee.

- (a) The Recreation Committee is established for the purpose of providing community residents with a resource for communicating with their peers and elected representatives concerning City recreation programs. The Committee shall advise the Council and the Recreation Director in matters of particular concern and impact to residents in the City of Columbus concerning recreation programs.
7. Sec. 2-375 through Sec. 2-378 – Columbus Area Aquatic Center Advisory Board, are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-287. – Columbus Area Aquatic Center Committee.

- (a) The construction of the Columbus Area Aquatic Center as a family friendly facility would not have been possible without the generosity of the citizens of the greater Columbus area. The creation of this Committee seeks to recognize the important role members of the greater Columbus community had in fundraising efforts by giving the community an additional avenue to stay involved with the operation of the aquatic center.
- (b) The Committee shall advise the manager of the aquatic center and City Council on matters important to the aquatic center from the perspective of the greater Columbus community. Such matters may include, but are not limited to, policies, rates, program ideas, fundraising ideas and the general needs of the community relative to the aquatic center.
8. Sec. 2-300 through Sec. 2-302 – Beautification Advisory Board, are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-300. – Beautification Committee.

- (a) It is preferred that the members of the Beautification Committee have experience in the fields of art design, fund raising, community organization, landscaping and/or plant and tree management. In making appointments to this Committee, the Mayor should attempt to appoint business owners or employees of businesses located within the City, and representatives of local civic groups.
- (b) The Beautification Committee may advise on matters including, but not limited to, public art installations and locations, installation of banners and murals, design and installation of outdoor furniture and furnishings, holiday/seasonal lighting and other decorations around the City, landscaping and the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and other plantings within the City limits on City owned properties and rights-of-way. The Committee may also make recommendation to the Park and Recreation Committee concerning landscape and planting within the various City parks.

9. Sec. 2-311 through Sec. 2-312 – Senior Citizen’s Advisory Board, are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-311. – Community Center Committee.

- (a) The Community Center Committee is established for the purpose of providing community center participants a resource for communicating with their elected representatives. The Committee shall advise the Council and the Community Center Manager in matters of particular concern and impact to managing facilities and activities at the community center.

10. Secs. 2-336 through 2-339 concerning the Investment Board are repealed.

11. Sec. 2-361 through Sec. 2-370 are repealed in their entirety and recreated to now read as follows:

Sec. 2-361. – Community Development Authority.

- (a) Wis. Stats. §66.1201
- (b) The findings and declarations made in Wis. Stats. §66.1201 are in all respects adopted, restated and incorporated herein. There exists a need for blight elimination, slum clearance, urban renewal and community development programs and projects and housing projects in the City; a housing and community development authority functioning within the City constitutes an effective and efficient means for preventing and eliminating slums and blighted areas and preventing the reoccurrence thereof and for the elimination of insanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations, commercial buildings and to provide safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations, and the necessity for said authority is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.
- (c) The Community Development Authority is a separate body politic for the purpose of carrying out blight eliminations, slum clearance, urban renewal programs and projects and housing projects; which Authority shall be known as the Community Development Authority of the City of Columbus.

- (d) The Mayor shall with the confirmation of the Common Council, appoint 5 resident persons having sufficient ability and experience in the fields of urban renewal, community development and housing, as commissioners of the Community Development Authority. Each commission shall serve for a term of 5 years.
- (e) The Community Development Authority shall have all powers, duties and functions set forth in Section 66.1201, Stats. The Community Development Authority shall act as the agent of the City in planning and carrying out community development programs and activities approved by the Mayor and Common Council under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. As to all community development programs and activities undertaken by the City under this Act, the Community Development Authority shall proceed under all applicable laws and ordinances not inconsistent with the laws of this state. The Community Development Authority shall adopt a set of Bylaws which shall, among other things, establish the general policy duties and provide for the appointment of the chair person and secretary. The initial Bylaws and subsequent amendments must also be approved by a majority vote of the Common Council.
- (f) Bonds issued by the Community Development Authority are declared pursuant to Wis. Stats. §66.1201 to be issued for an essential public and governmental purpose and to be public instrumentalities and, together with interest thereon and income thereof are exempt from taxes.

- 12. Sec. 26-01(b) and (c) concerning the Columbus Cable Commission, are repealed.
- 13. Secs. 86-241 through 86-242 concerning the Street Light Committee are hereby repealed.
- 14. **Severability.** If any portion of this Ordinance or its application on any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other provision herein or its application shall not be affected.
- 15. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: March 4, 2025

Item Title: Discussion regarding structure for Public Works Department

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The recent recruitment for a Public Works Lead staff resulted in 3 applicants for the position. After review of the applicants we interviewed one candidate with the supervision experience expected of the position's responsibilities. This candidate has 18 years construction management, 16 years of project management experience, and 6 years as an estimator all in the private sector. The candidate worked 18 years for one company and 22 years more his most recent employer. The candidates experience level does not translate to that of a lead staff and much more aligns with a Public Works Director. We have the following options:

- Conduct an additional recruitment for the position.
- Put in place an organization structure elevating the current staff into more permanent leadership roles and hire an additional Maintenance II. This could likely be done in a budget neutral situation.
- Hire the candidate as a Public Works Director. The DPW Lead position was advertised at \$33/hour. The City last employed a Public Works Director in February of 2023 at an hourly wage of \$38.07. The adjusted rate with a 5% adjustment in 2024 and a 3% adjustment in 2025 would be \$41.17. This would be an anticipated additional \$16,993.60 in base salary over the course of the year. It would not impact the City in 2025 but need to be accounted for in the 2026 budget process.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Discussion regarding structure for Public Works Department