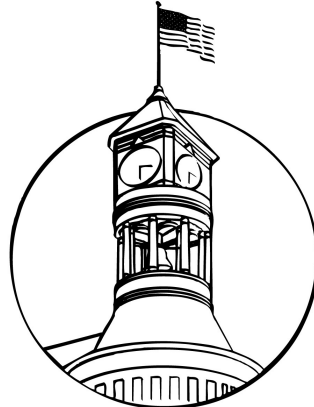


# CITY OF COLUMBUS



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## BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS 2009-2010

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105 N DICKASON BLVD COLUMBUS, WI 53925  
920-623-5900 920-623-5901

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

MAYOR	ROBERT LINK 103 WILDWOOD DR blink@columbuswi.us	623-4778 (11)
1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT	TYLER WALKER 307 RICHMOND STREET twalker@columbuswi.us	623-9936 (10)
	ROGER SNEATH 444 W PRAIRIE STREET rsneath@columbuswi.us	623-3937 (11)
2 <sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT	JENNY PERKINS 821 WATERLOO STREET jperkins@columbuswi.us	623-3367 (10)
	DAVE BOMKAMP 119 SUMMIT CT dbomkamp@columbuswi.us	608-225-3631 (11)
3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT	EDWIN PARPART 556 N BIRDSEY STREET eparpart@columbuswi.us	623-3263 (10)
	BILL BRUNS 352 W MILL STREET bbruns@columbuswi.us	623-4236 (11)
CITY ATTORNEY	RANDALL LUEDERS PO BOX 272	623-2650 (11) 623-2728 (fax)

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR	BOYD A KRAEMER	623-5900
CITY CLERK	ANNE DONAHUE	623-5900
CITY TREASURER	BARBARA GREEN	623-5900
		623-5901 (fax)
<b><u>POLICE CHIEF</u></b>		
Daniel Meister	Columbus Police Dept	623-5919
		623-5930 (fax)
<b><u>INTERIM EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR</u></b>		
Robert Zapotocny	Columbus City Hall	623-5900
<b><u>FIRE CHIEF</u></b>		
Randall Koehn	Fire Station 123 W. Harrison St.	623-5914
		623-6043 (fax)
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR</u></b>		
Dan Jensen	Public Works Dept. 229 E. School St	623-5908
		623-5924 (fax)
<b><u>WATER &amp; LIGHT SUPERINTENDENT</u></b>		
John Andler	Water & Light Dept. 950 Maple Avenue	623-5912
		623-5923 (fax)
<b><u>CITY ENGINEER</u></b>		
Ayres & Associates	Madison, WI 53704	608-443-1296
<b><u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u></b>		
General Engineering	Portage, WI 53901	608-742-2169
<b><u>CITY ASSESSOR</u></b>		
Associated Appraisal	PO Box 2111	920-749-1995
<b><u>HEALTH OFFICER</u></b>		
Dr. Sam Poser	2 yr term (11) 635 Park Avenue	623-5000
<b><u>WEED COMMISSIONER</u></b>		
Dan Jensen	1yr appointment (10) Public Works Dept.	623-5908
<b><u>RECREATION DIRECTOR</u></b>		
Megan Sommerhalder	Recreation Director	623-5936
<b><u>SENIOR CENTER</u></b>		
Marie Steffen	Senior Center Director	623-5918
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY</u></b>		
Steven Sobiek		623-5900

**COUNCIL LIAISONS - NON VOTING MEMBERS**

Police & Fire Commission	Bomkamp
Library Board	Perkins
Historic Preservation	Sneath
School District Liaison	Perkins
Cable Commission	Bruns
Senior Center Advisory	Parpart
Recreation	Walker
Hillside Cemetery Assoc.	Perkins

**COUNTY COMMITTEES – VOTING MEMBERS**

Columbia County Comprehensive Plan	Sneath	
Municipal Court Committee	Perkins	Alternate:

**DEPARTMENT LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

Public Works	Parpart
Economic Development/Energy Sustainability	Walker
Finance	Sneath
Wage, Salary, Personnel	Perkins
Police	Bruns
Fire & Ambulance	Bomkamp

**AD HOC COMMITTEES****ROOM TAX COMMITTEE**

Sharon Kuhn	(chamber)	458 Maple Ave	-5671
Jorie Hebenicht	(Main Street)	504 S Birdsey St	-9376
Sue Harrison	(CDA)	307 W Harrison St	608.445.5901
Steve Hajewski	(community)	615 W Prairie St	608.217.7245
Nathan Roberts		102 Highland Court	920-318-9069
Roger Sneath	(ALD)	444 W Prairie St	-3937

**TEEN CENTER**

Amy Cherry		200 Sunset Rd	-3286
Jeanne Russell		111 Wildwood Dr	-4473
Trish Day		458 W Mill St	608.444.9666
Kate Gillman		225 S Water St	608.206.4394
Ann Breitenbach		N348 Hwy 89	-3551

**GREATER COLUMBUS ENERGY TASK FORCE**

Nancy Osterhaus, Chair		300 S. Dickason Blvd	-4925
Eric Anthon		950 Maple Ave	-5912
Martin Day		458 W. Mill St	608.576.8911
Rob Goebel		N1147 River Rd	-5053
Curt Hansen		W1085 Cty Trunk K	-2608
Ed Harding		N707 Kranz Rd	-3207
Mark Jansen		200 W. School St	-5950
Alan Strohschein		620 Park Ave	-2809

**EMS DISTRICT**

Roger Sneath  
 Bill Bruns  
 Bill Hermanson  
 Eleanor Schulze  
 John Kirchberg  
 Gene Damm  
 Joe Roche  
 Dave Tuschen  
 Wally Schoenherr  
 John Prosser  
 Gene Niehoff  
 Linda Henning

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

APPOINTED BY MAYOR, CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL

\*All members listed are voting members\*

**BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS** 3 members, mayor or appointee, 1 elec contractor, 1 journeyman electrician, 2 yr term

Glenn Lange	(10)	N2688 Col-FR Road	920-484-3361
Todd Hornbacher	(10)	N4302 Old Hwy 73	-4722
Larry Ehrke	(11)	112 Hurelle Street	-2232

**BOARD OF REVIEW** 5 members, 5 yr term, 1 each yr

Jerry Russell	(10)	111 Wildwood Dr	-4473
Ben Van Horn	(11)	941 Park Avenue	-5571
Craig Groth	(12)	408 Parkview Dr	-9048
John Ganga	(13)	255 Chapin Street	-3990
Karl Green	(14)	102 Dawn Court	-3580

**BOARD OF APPEALS** 5 members, 2 alternates, 3 yr term, 2-2-1

Bruce Zander	(10)	888 Dix Street	-5217
Amy Cherry	(10)	200 Sunset Circle	-3286
Traci Rose	(11)	431 W. Fountain Street	-3782
Jeff Henning	(11)	101 Wildwood Dr	-2569
Eugene Beier	(12)	309 Fairway Drive	-4577
Kathy Baerwolf	(ALT)	347 Middleton Street	-2580

**PLAN COMMISSION** mayor (chair), 1 alderperson, dir public works, 3 citizens, 3 yr term, 1 each yr

Greg Robbins	(10)	201 Avalon Rd	-2390
Susan Pfeiffer	(11)	850 S. Lewis Street	-3705
Clare Eisenga	(12)	146 W. Mill Street	-0371
	(12)		-
Dave Bomkamp (ALD)	(11)	119 Summit Court	608-225-3631
Bob Link (MYR)	(11)	103 Wildwood Drive	-4778
Dan Jensen (DPW)		229 E. School Street	-5908

**LIBRARY BOARD** 7 members (school, 6 city, 1 town), 3 yr term

Peter Kaland (president)	(10)	551 W. Harrison Street	-2116
William O'Donnell	(10)	W10599 Cty Hwy TT	-2469
Andrea Link	(11)	456 Vista Circle	350-0030
Kelli Powers	(11)	547 Vista Circle	350-0304
Lyle Sampson	(12)	63 Parkview Circle	-3244
Kate Stover	(12)	214 Avalon Road	-3149
Mark Jansen (CSD)		200 W School Street	-5950

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 7 members (2 council/term), 4 yr term, 2-1-1-1

Sue Harrison	(10)	307 W Harrison Street	608-445-5901
Nathan Roberts	(11)	102 Highland Court	920-318-9069
Bob Link	(MYR) (11)	103 Wildwood Drive	-4778
Bill Bruns	(ALD) (11)	352 W Mill Street	-4236
Henry Elling	(12)	650 S Charles St	-0436
Wendy Watrud	(12)	550 S Main Street	-0405
Paul Larsen	(13)	605 Park Avenue	-9920

STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE 4 members, 1 yr term, DPW, W&L, PD, Council, appointed May each year

Dan Jensen (pres officer)	(DPW)	229 E. School Street	-5908
John Andler	(W&L)	950 Maple Avenue	-5912
Dennis Weiner	(CPD)	105 N. Dickason Blvd	-5905
Ed Parpart	(ALD)	556 N Birdsey St	-3263

WATER & LIGHT COMMISSION 5 members, 5 yr term (Oct), 1 ea yr, appt by Council, 2 Council appt by Mayor

Al Strohschein	(10)	620 Park Avenue	-2809
Heidi Poser	(11)	314 S. Charles Street	-2919
Doug Caldwell	(12)	605 Hibbard Street	-3936
Jack Sanderson	(13)	113 Dawn Court	-5029
Rolf Lang	(14)	238 Sturges Street	-2038
Ed Parpart	(ALD) (10)	556 N Birdsey Street	-3263
Bill Bruns	(ALD) (11)	352 W. Mill Street	-4236

POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION 5 members, 5 yr term, 1 each yr

Ed Schellin	(10)	1435 Waterloo Street	-3659(h) -3039(w)
Fayan Merck	(11)	958 Farnham Street	-0321
Dennis Chadwick	(12)	217 Avalon Rd	-0322
Rod Musel	(13)	220 Chapin Street	-9136
Joe Roche	(14)	N3504 Roche Road	-5337

HISTORIC LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION COMMISSION 7 members, 3 yr term, 3-2-2

Alice Schmidt	(10)	328 S. Dickason Blvd.	-2753
Kris Schirmacher	(10)	628 W. James Street	-2505
Kim Bates	(10)	632 Charles St	-4554
Jan Ulrich	(11)	W12152 Lange Rd	-2635
Sheila Worthen	(11)	146 E. Mill Street	-2358
John Salzwedel	(12)	841 Park Avenue	-3147
Carolyn Fredericks	(12)	549 Hibbard St	920.210.3359
Roger Sneath	(ALD) (11)	444 W Prairie Street	-3937

INVESTMENT BOARD

Bob Link	(MYR)	(11)	103 Wildwood Drive	-4778
Randy Lueders	(ATTY)	(11)	105 N Dickason Blvd	-5900
Barbara Green	(TREAS)		105 N Dickason Blvd	-5900

CABLE COMMISSION 1 member of Council, 1 member W&L Commission, 3 citizens, 2 yr term

Rolf Lang	(W&L)		238 Sturges Street	-2038
Peter Kaland	(11)		551 W Harrison St	-2116
	(10)			-
Mary Link	(10)		103 Wildwood Dr	-4778
Bill Bruns	(ALD)	(11)	352 W Mill Street	-4236

COLUMBUS AREA AQUATIC CENTER 9 members, 6 w/3 yr term (Oct), 2 each yr, council, school, hospital

Janet Hankes-Roberts	(09)		458 W Prairie St	-5511
Brenda Adam	(09)		313 Sunset Rd	-3151
Bill Kirchberg, Pres	(10)		W12009 Kirchberg Road	-3974
Tania Black	(10)		554 S. Lewis St	-5390
Cailin Lueders	(11)		435 S. Charles	-4591
Ross Rehfeldt	(11)		N4599 Hwy 73	-4378
Mary Carpenter	(CSD)		981 Badger Court	-3072
Ed Harding, Treas	(CCH)		N707 Kranz Rd	-3207
Tyler Walker	(ALD)	(10)	307 Richmond St	-9936

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Jeff Venden, chair	(10)		746 S. Main Street	-5460
Dennis Sampolinski	(10)		532 Park Avenue	-5377
Brian Patrick	(12)		424 W. School Street	-5868
Amy Meyers	(12)		788 Warner St	-3386
John Link	(12)		456 Vista Circle	350-0030

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Gerry Griese	(10)		51 Parkview Circle	-5807
Dale Gessler	(10)		110 Grandview Ct	-3249
Rita Evanoo	(11)		246 N. Dickason Blvd	-9250
Judith A Fiedler	(11)		1355 Park Avenue #101	920-382-9693
Roger Weiner	(12)		1311 Waterloo Street	-4929
Mary Zeidler			N2024 River Oaks Rd (Nutrition)	927-3742
Lyle Smith			431 Hibbard Street (Senior Club)	-3055

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

HILLSIDE CEMETERY ASSOC. 9 members w/3 yr term; 3 advisory w/1 yr term, elected by assoc (June)

Lyle Sampson	(10)	63 Parkview Circle	-3244 ( <i>adv</i> )
Fern Yohn	(10)	911 Maple Avenue	-2063 ( <i>adv</i> )
Phil Worthen	(10)	146 E Mill Street	-2358 ( <i>adv</i> )
Evelyn McNulty	(10)	PO Box 388	-3239 ( <i>trust</i> )
Gerald Salzwedel	(10)	749 Fuller Street	-5888 ( <i>trust</i> )
Gloria Moldscheck, sec	(10)	134 N. Lewis Street	-3362 ( <i>trust</i> )
Helen Petrich	(10)	716 Dix Street	-3812 ( <i>trust</i> )
Pat Powers	(11)	316 Waterloo Street	-4885 ( <i>trust</i> )
John Marks, pres	(11)	335 Fuller Street	-5744
Alice Schmidt	(12)	328 S. Dickason Blvd.	-2753
Clara Sennhenn	(12)	134 W. Prairie Street	-3226
David Roelke	(12)	235 W. Harrison Street	-5370

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## STANDING MEETING DAYS

### MONDAY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION – 5:15 PM, FIRE STATION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 6:15 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER
- CAAC – 5:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### TUESDAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS – 7:00 PM, CITY HALL
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL – 6:30 PM, CITY HALL
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - W&L COMMISSION – 4:00 PM, W&L DEPT
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - LIBRARY BOARD – 5:00 PM, LIBRARY

### WEDNESDAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> - MUNICIPAL COURT – 2:00 PM, CITY HALL
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - HISTORIC PRESERVATION – 5:00 PM, SENIOR CENTER
- MUNICIPAL COURT – 2:00 PM, CITY HALL
- RECREATION COMMITTEE – 6:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - GREATER COLUMBUS ENERGY TASK FORCE, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### THURSDAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> - SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD – 8:45 AM, SENIOR CENTER
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - PLAN COMMISSION – 6:30 PM, CITY HALL

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**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

<b>City Council</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm, City Hall
<b>Committee of the Whole Council</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, 6:30 pm, City Hall
<b>Library Board</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month, 5:00 pm, Library
<b>W&amp;L Commission</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month, 4:00 pm, W&L Bldg
<b>Police &amp; Fire Commission</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 5:15 pm, Fire Station
<b>Plan Commission</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 6:30 pm, City Hall
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm, Community Center
<b>CDA</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 6:15 pm, Community Center
<b>Greater Columbus Energy Task Force</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Community Center
<b>Senior Citizens Advisory Board</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, 8:45 am, Senior Center
<b>Historic Preservation</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:00 pm, Senior Center
<b>CAAC</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Community Center
<b>Board of Review</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in May, City Hall
<b>Hillside Cemetery Assoc.</b>	meets quarterly at Cemetery

Other meetings are scheduled throughout the year as requested by boards, committees, or commissions. All meetings must be posted at City Hall. A copy of the open meeting notice can be obtained by contacting the clerk's office. The Friday prior to each Council meeting, a copy of the current list of scheduled meetings is sent to every department as part of the Council packet.

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**CITY BUILDINGS****EMERGENCY FROM CITY BUILDINGS – 9911**

Columbus City Hall 105 N. Dickason Blvd.	Administration	623-5900 623-5901 fax 623-5902
Police Department	Police Dept	623-5919 623-5930 fax
Columbus Fire Dept 123 W. Harrison Street	Office Emergency	623-5914 623-5911
Columbus Senior Center 125 N. Dickason Blvd.	Office	623-5918
Columbus Recreation 161 N. Dickason Blvd.	Office	623-5936
Columbus Public Library 223 W. James Street	Front Desk	623-5910 623-5928 fax
Public Works Department 229 E. School Street	City Garage	623-5908 623-5909 623-5924 fax
Wastewater Treatment Plant 537 River Road	Office	623-5915 623-5932 fax
Recycling Center 557 River Road		
Cemetery 827 N. Lewis Street		
Fireman's Park 1049 Park Avenue	Office	623-5916
Columbus Area Aquatic Center 1049 Park Avenue	Seasonal	623-6047
Water & Light Department 950 Maple Avenue	Administration	623-5912 623-5913 623-5923 fax

**2009-2010 DATES TO REMEMBER****HOLIDAYS:**

City offices are closed on the following days. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, offices will be closed the preceding Friday. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, offices will be closed on the following Monday.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
New Years Day	January 1	January 1
Memorial Day	May 25	May 31
Fourth of July	July 4	July 4
Labor Day	September 7	September 6
Thanksgiving	November 26	November 25
Friday after Thanksgiving	November 27	November 26
Christmas Eve	December 24	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25	December 25
New Years Eve	December 31	December 31

**ELECTIONS**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Spring	02/17/09 04/07/09	02/16/10 04/06/10
Fall		09/14/10 11/02/10

**COUNCIL MEETING TELEVISED**

Cable Access Channel 97  
Check listings for times

**RECYCLING CENTER HOURS**

MONDAY	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
TUESDAY & THURSDAY	2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Columbus, Wisconsin Citizen Advisory Boards

Advisory boards, committees, commissions and authorities to which the City Council makes appointments are an integral part of the governmental process in the City of Columbus. The volunteers who participate provide the Council valuable insights, and their service is greatly appreciated.

This brochure provides a listing of each entity, a general summary of purpose and the month during which appointments are made.

Members of the boards are appointed based on their background and interest in a particular field and are expected to attend all advisory meetings. Those who miss three consecutive meetings in a calendar year may be replaced.

A description of the duties of the boards is contained in the Columbus Municipal Code. A quick reference list follows.

Police and Fire Commission (PFC): Chapter 2-261 through 2-264

Community Development Authority (CDA): Chapter 2-361 through 2-370

Municipal Court Committee: Chapter 2-581 through 2-589

Board of Electrical Examiners: Chapter 18-51 through 18-52

Cable Commission: Chapter 26

Hillside Cemetery Association: Chapter 30-51 through 30-52

Election Board: Chapter 34-31

Library Board: Chapter 62-36 through 62-39, St Stats 43.60(3)

Plan Commission: Chapter 78-31, St Stats 62.23

Board of Review: Chapter 94-31, St Stats 70.47-70.49

Water & Light Commission: Chapter 102-56 through 102-62

Zoning Board of Appeals: Chapter 114-96 through 114-101

Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission: Chapter 114-496 through 114-505

Columbus Area Aquatic Center Board (CAAC): City approves by-laws and has an agreement of cooperation for the operation of the aquatic center.

Community Activities Committee: Chapter 2-311

For more information on the appointment process, or the specific role of one of the advisory boards, contact:

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Office of the City Clerk  
105 N. Dickason Blvd.  
Columbus, WI 53925-1565  
(920) 623-5900, (920) 623-5901 (FAX)

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## Citizen Advisory Boards

**Police and Fire Commission:** The Police & Fire Commission appoints the fire chief and the police chief and hears disciplinary matters of the departments. This commission has not taken the optional powers allowed by the Wisconsin statutes. The commission has 5 members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Each member serves a 5-year term with one term commencing May 10<sup>th</sup> each year.

**Community Development Authority:** The Community Development Authority consists of 7 resident members with abilities and experience in the fields of urban renewal, community development and housing. 5 members serve 4 year terms each and 2 council members serve for their term of office. The authority has all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate all aspects of urban renewal, development and redevelopment programs and governmental housing projects. The appointments are made by the mayor and confirmed by the council, effective May 10<sup>th</sup> of the year of appointment.

**Municipal Court Committee:** Columbus is a member of the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court. The purpose of the committee is to facilitate the orderly administration and communication between the municipal judge and the participating municipalities. Columbus appoints 1 member and 1 alternate member. The member is appointed by the mayor and approved by the council.

**Board of Electrical Examiners:** This board has authority over the issuance, suspension or revocation of electrical licenses and oversees the city's electrical inspector. The Board of Electrical Examiners consists of 3 members - the mayor or a citizen appointed by the mayor, one electrical contractor and one journeyman electrician. The appointments are made by the mayor, confirmed by the council for 2 year terms.

**Cable Commission:** The Cable Commission is comprised of a member of the Judiciary Committee, a member of the Water & Light Commission and 3 citizen members appointed for 2 year terms. The commission acts for the city in all matters relating to the cable telecommunications network, including preparing a budget and allocating funds for public access programming and production. Commission members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council by May 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Hillside Cemetery Association:** The Hillside Cemetery Association consists of 9 members who each serve a 3-year term and 3 advisory members who each serve a 1 year term. Terms are staggered with 3 regular and 1 advisory member appointed each year. The association establishes rules and regulations for the operation of the cemetery and maintains all necessary records relating to the cemetery. All monies collected are receipted to the city. Members are elected by the association at the annual meeting in June of each year.

**Election Board:** The Election Board consists of 7 inspectors for each voting district. Each inspector must be a resident of the voting district he or she represents. There are currently 3 voting districts in Columbus. Inspectors are appointed by the mayor, confirmed by the council. The appointments are for 2 years and are made in December of every even numbered year.

**Library Board:** The library board consists of 7 members. Six members are appointed by the mayor, confirmed by the council. 5 of the 6 members of the board must be residents of the city, while the 6<sup>th</sup> member may be from a town adjacent the city. The 7<sup>th</sup> member will be a public school district administrator or representative. The library board has exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys collected, donated or appropriated for the library fund. The board also controls all lands, buildings or other property given or acquired for library purposes. The board supervises the administration of the library including hiring the librarian and any other staff. Board members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council, for 3 year terms, 3 members to be appointed in consecutive years and 1 member to be appointed in the following year. Terms begin on May 10<sup>th</sup> the year of appointment.

**Plan Commission:** The Plan Commission is responsible for adopting a master plan for the physical development of the city and for reviewing proposed conditional uses, subdivisions and zoning district amendments. The commission consists of the mayor, who serves as chair, the superintendent of public works, an alderperson, and 4 residents of the city. The alderperson is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. The residents are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council, for 3 year terms, one each April.

**Board of Review:** The Board of Review is the first formal step in the appeal process for Wisconsin property owners who want to appeal their property assessments. The board's duty is to hear sworn, oral testimony about assessed values and based solely on that testimony decide whether an individual has proven the assessment to be incorrect. The Board of Review meets once a year, usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May. The board consists of 5 residents of the city, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council, for 5 year terms, one each year. Appointments are made by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May each year.

**Water & Light Commission:** The Water & Light Commission consists of 5 members, each serving a 5-year term, and 2 alderpersons who serve a 2-year term each. The management, control and supervision of any and all of the property pertaining to the water & the electric systems is invested in this commission along with employing all labor necessary in the operation, management and extension of the systems. Appointments are made by the council for terms that begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Zoning Board of Appeals role is to determine whether, as applied to a particular set of facts and circumstances presented, the zoning administrator's interpretation and application of the local ordinance is in accord with the terms of that ordinance and State law. The board may grant variances in specific cases from the terms of the zoning code based on review of circumstances for practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship. The board consists of 5 residents of the city, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council, for 3 year terms, one each year. Appointments are made by the 10<sup>th</sup> of May each year.

**Historic Landmarks & Preservation Commission:** This commission consists of 7 members serving staggered terms of 3 years each. The commission has the power to designate historic structures, sites and districts within the city limits. These designations are made subject to criteria found in local ordinances. The members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Terms begin on May 10<sup>th</sup> of the year of appointment.

**Senior Citizen's Advisory Board:** The senior citizen's advisory board shall consist of 7 members: A representative from the nutrition program, a representative from the senior club and 5 members from the City of Columbus appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. Three of the five at large members must be at least 55 years old. The at large members shall hold 3 year terms. The initial appointments shall be as follows: Two members shall be appointed for 3 years; 2 members shall be appointed for 2 years and 1 member shall be appointed for 1 year. The board shall elect by majority vote a chair, vice-chair and secretary. The board shall meet monthly.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:** The parks and recreation advisory board shall consist of 5 members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. They shall hold 3 year terms. The initial appointment shall be as follows: 2 members shall be appointed for 3 years; 2 members shall be appointed for 2 years and one member shall be appointed for one year. The board shall elect by majority vote a chair, vice-chair and secretary. The board shall meet monthly.

**Columbus Area Aquatic Center Board (CAAC):** The CAAC Board was formed by members of the general public, financial supporters of the Columbus Area Aquatic Center and the city government to undertake the construction and operation of the aquatic center facility. The city dedicated the park site for the facility, managed the construction and contributed \$1,700,00. The CAAC board raised over \$1,100,000 in donations and undertook the operation and management of the facility after construction. The board consists of 9 members, whose appointment is confirmed by the City Council: 6 members are appointed by the board and serve 3 year terms, 2 appointed each year at the annual meeting in October. The remaining 3 members are appointed to the board, 1 each from the City Council, the Columbus School Board and the Columbus Community Hospital Board.

**Greater Columbus Energy Task Force:** This committee consists of governmental leaders, educational professionals, industrial managers, commercial owners, utility staff, and citizen members. The committee will also be assisted by the City Administrator, Utility Superintendent, Energy/Economic Development Director and other staff.

Additional information can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofcolumbuswi.com](http://www.cityofcolumbuswi.com)

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION**

Appointments to the City=s boards, committees and commissions are made by the Mayor, approved by the City Council. Members of the boards are appointed based on their background and interest in a particular field and are expected to attend all advisory meetings. Those who miss three consecutive meetings in a calendar year may be replaced.

Please return this form to the City Clerk=s office at least one week prior to the Council meeting in which the Mayor will be making his appointments. Application does not guarantee appointment and will be used for guidelines to make appointments.

Position Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Position:      New term \_\_\_\_\_      Fill unexpired term \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Best time to Call \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Best time to Call \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ (meeting notification purposes only)

Statement of interest in being appointed to this position:

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Signature : \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received in Clerk's office by: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

## Sec. 2-31. Composition.

The city council shall consist of the mayor and two council members from each district who shall be elected for two-year terms.

## Sec. 2-32. Duties and powers.

The council members shall constitute the city council and shall have such duties and powers as are enumerated in Wis. Stats. § 62.01 et seq. and elsewhere in the statutes.

## Sec. 2-33. Authority.

The city council shall have all powers of the city not specifically given to some other body or officer. Except as otherwise provided by law, the city council shall have the management and control of the city property, finances, highways, streets, utilities and the public service and may act for the government and good order of the city for its commercial benefit and for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public and may carry its powers into effect by license, regulation, suppression, borrowing, taxation, special assessment, appropriation, imposition of forfeiture and other necessary or convenient means. The city council may appoint such officers from time to time as may be deemed necessary for the benefit of the city. The powers conferred by this section shall be in addition to all other grants and shall be limited only by express language.

## Sec. 2-34. Regular meetings.

(a) Following the spring election of each year, the city council shall meet on the third Tuesday of April for the purpose of organization. Regular meetings of the council shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber.

(b) If any meeting date, as fixed by subsection (a), falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall instead be held on the first business day succeeding that holiday at the same hour and place.

## Sec. 2-35. Special meetings.

(a) The mayor may call special meetings of the city council by written notice to each member. The notice shall be delivered to the members personally or left at their usual abode at least 24 hours before the meeting, unless for good cause a 24-hour notice is impossible or impractical. In such case, a shorter notice may be given; but the notice may not at any time be provided less than six hours in advance of the meeting. The notice shall specify the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Attendance by any council member is a waiver of any defect of notice.

(b) The mayor may call a special meeting without notice at a regularly convened council meeting if all members are present.

(c) A special meeting may be called if four members consent in writing to the holding of such a meeting. If written consent is obtained, it shall be filed with the clerk 36 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

(d) Special meetings shall be deemed regular meetings for the purpose of transacting any business permitted by law.

## Sec. 2-36. Adjournment.

Any council member may move to adjourn a meeting. If any agenda item is not considered before a motion to adjourn is adopted, it shall automatically be referred to the council's next regular meeting unless the motion provides for a specific date and hour.

## Sec. 2-37. Quorum required.

A quorum is necessary for transaction of any council business. Two-thirds of all members of the council, excluding the mayor, shall constitute a quorum.

## Sec. 2-38. Call to order.

The presiding officer shall at the hour appointed call the members to order. If both the mayor and the council president are absent from the meeting, the clerk shall call the council to order and preside until the council selects a member to preside at that meeting.

## Sec. 2-39. Absence of members.

(a) If a council member for any reason cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, he shall inform the clerk in writing at least one day before the meeting in question. The councilmember's excused absence shall be entered in the record of the council.

(b) A call of the council may be requested at any time by two or more members, and absent members shall be sent for; but a call shall not be made after voting has commenced. When a call of the council has been requested and ordered, the door shall be closed until the report of the police officer has been received and acted upon, or until further proceedings under the call are dispensed with by a majority of the entire council.

## Sec. 2-40. Order of business.

The business of the council shall be conducted in the following order:

- (1) Roll call;
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance;

- (3) Notice of open meeting;
- (4) Approval of agenda;
- (5) Correspondence and communications;
- (6) Comments of citizens present;
- (7) Consent agenda;
- (8) Unfinished business;
- (9) New business;
- (10) Reports of city officers;
- (11) Adjournment.

Sec. 2-41. Introduction of business.

(a) All matters, including without limitation, ordinances, resolutions and reports, shall be submitted to the committee of the whole for review and comment before being placed on the common council agenda. Common council members desiring to introduce matters shall give written documentation thereof to the mayor, city administrator or clerk at least three business days before day of next scheduled committee of the whole meeting.

(b) Reintroduction restricted. Unless otherwise provided by city ordinance, no proposed ordinance or resolution having once been defeated may again be introduced in the same or in the substantially same form until 30 days after the date when that ordinance or resolution was defeated.

Sec. 2-42. Presiding officer.

(a) The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city. The mayor shall take care that city ordinances and the state statutes are observed and enforced and that all city officers and employees discharge their duties.

(b) The mayor shall provide direction for the city's economic development and long-range planning.

(c) When present the mayor shall preside at the meetings of the city council.

(d) The mayor shall, from time to time, provide the city council such information and recommend such measures as deem advantageous to the city.

(e) The mayor shall have such other duties and responsibilities as are prescribed in the Wisconsin Statutes and the Municipal Code.

Sec. 2-43. President of the council.

(a) *Selection.* The council president shall be selected by a majority vote of all council members at the annual organizational meeting conducted on the third Tuesday of April.

(b) *Absence of mayor.* During the mayor's absence or inability to serve, the council president shall be acting mayor and shall be vested with the powers and duties of the mayor; except the council president may not approve a council act that the mayor has vetoed. When presiding, the council president retains his right to vote as a councilmember.

(Code 1978, § 2.09; Ord. No. 614-06, § 1.B, 7-5-06; Ord. No. 632-07, § 1, 1-8-08)

Sec. 2-44. Voting.

(a) *Mode of voting.* Any member may demand a roll call vote on any matter. However, the vote shall be by roll call vote if the council is:

- (1) Confirming appointments.
- (2) Adopting any measure that assesses or levies taxes.
- (3) Appropriating or disbursing money.
- (4) Creating any liability or charge against the city or any fund of the city.
- (5) Adopting an ordinance or resolution.
- (6) The point of beginning on all roll call votes shall be rotated in order on each successive vote. This order shall be maintained for each successive meeting.

(b) *Majority vote required.* Except as otherwise provided by law, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for council action, provided a quorum has voted.

(c) *Tie vote.* The mayor shall not vote except in the case of a tie. When the mayor does vote in the case of a tie, his vote shall be counted in determining whether a sufficient number of members have voted favorably or unfavorably on any measure.

(d) *Abstentions.*

- (1) A councilmember shall not vote on any proposed ordinance, order, resolution or proposition in which he has a direct pecuniary or personal interest not common to other members of the council.
  - (2) A councilmember who is required by law to abstain from voting on any particular matter shall not be counted for determining the number of members present if the passage of that measure requires a favorable vote by a majority or other fractional vote (i.e., two-thirds or three-fourths) of the council members present or the presence of a quorum for purposes of that particular vote.
- (e) *Vote change.* A councilmember may change his vote on a matter up to the time the result of the vote is announced.

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### Sec. 2-45. Reconsideration of question.

Any member who voted in the majority may request and be granted a reconsideration of the vote at the next regular or special meeting of the council.

### Sec. 2-46. Ordinances.

(a) Reading ordinances. All proposed ordinances shall be read a total of two times before the council may vote for final passage. Upon introduction, in full, and immediately prior to the council's actual vote on it, by title only.

(b) By adoption of a motion to suspend the rules, the council may dispense with any or all of the required readings.

(c) The council may not vote on an ordinance at the same meeting that it is introduced unless the council suspends this rule.

### Sec. 2-47. Reserved.

**Editor's note:** Ord. No. 632-07, § I, adopted Jan. 8, 2008, repealed § 2-47 in its entirety. Formerly, said section pertained to resolutions as enacted by Code 1978, § 2.13.

### Sec. 2-48. Committees.

(a) The council shall sit as a committee of the whole to review and comment on all matters referred to it. The mayor shall be the presiding officer of the committee of the whole. It shall meet at a regularly designated time and place. At this meeting the reports or recommendations of city officers, staff, boards, and commissions may be heard and comments of the public may be solicited. Unless tabled by affirmative vote of the members of the committee, matters considered shall be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting. In the event a vote is taken regarding any matter before the committee of the whole, the result of the vote shall not be a final decision but shall have the status of a recommendation to the council. Four members of the council, including the mayor, shall constitute a quorum of the committee.

(b) The council may provide for special committees as it may deem necessary. Appointments to special committees shall be made by the mayor subject to confirmation by the council.

(c) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 62.14(1) the committee of the whole shall exercise the duties and powers of the board of public works.

### Sec. 2-49. Financial matters.

All bills and other financial claims against the city shall be itemized and presented to the clerk-coordinator for examination. The clerk-coordinator shall then refer the bills and claims to the committee on finance, which shall report on them at the next council meeting. Payment of regular wages and salaries of officers and employees according to schedules adopted by the council shall be made by the clerk without submission to the council after ratification by the department head submitting them and approval by the treasurer.

### Sec. 2-50. Deliberation.

(a) *Manner of.* No member shall address the council until recognized by the presiding officer. The member shall then address the presiding officer and keep all remarks to the question under discussion. The member shall also avoid personal confrontations when speaking.

(b) *Recognition.* When two or more members simultaneously seek recognition, the presiding officer shall name the member who is to speak first.

(c) *Motions.* No motion shall be discussed or acted upon until it has been seconded unless the rules of the council specifically permit one councilmember to initiate action. No motion shall be withdrawn without the consent of those members making and seconding the motion.

(d) *Motions, precedence of.* When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be entertained except a motion to:

(1) Adjourn.

(2) Recess.

(3) Lay on the table.

(4) Move the previous question.

(5) Postpone to a certain day.

(6) Refer to a committee.

(7) Amend.

(8) Postpone indefinitely.

(e) *Termination of debate.* Any member wishing to terminate the debate may move the previous question. The presiding officer shall then announce the question as, "Shall the question before the council now be put?" If two-thirds of the members present vote in the affirmative, the question before the council shall be taken without further debate. The council then votes, first on any pending amendments and then on the main question.

### Sec. 2-51. Citizen's right to address council.

(a) *Public comments concerning issues on the council agenda.*

(1) Any person desiring to comment on any topic on the agenda shall complete a sign in sheet prior to the meeting being called to order by the chair. The sign in sheet shall list the person's name, address and topic upon which they wish to speak. If a person desires to speak on an issue on the agenda but failed to register on the sign in sheet they may speak if three city council members agree to allow them to speak.

(2) When the item on the agenda is being discussed the chair will recognize the members of the public who have registered on the sign in form requesting to speak on the agenda item. They will then be allowed to address the council. People addressing the city council will approach the podium, state their name, and spell their last name, state their home address before they are allowed to speak. Public comments will occur prior to the discussion of the agenda item by the city council.

(b) *Public comments concerning issues not on the council agenda.* Members of the public may address the city council on any topic at the conclusion of the city council meeting. After the city council agenda is completed the television cameras will be turned off and the mayor will invite members of the public to address the city council. Any person desiring to comment on a topic not on the agenda shall complete a sign in sheet prior to the meeting being called to order by the chair. The sign in sheet shall list the person's name, address and topic upon which they wish to speak. If a person desires to speak on an issue on the agenda but failed to register on the sign in sheet they may speak if three city council members agree to allow them to speak.

(c) *Public suggestions and complaints.* When citizen suggestions are brought before the council, other than for items already on an agenda, the presiding officer shall first determine whether the issue is legislative or administrative in nature and then:

(1) If legislative, and a complaint about the letter or intent of legislative acts or suggestions for changes to such acts, and if the council finds such complaint suggests a change to an ordinance or resolution of the city, the council shall refer the matter to a standing committee.

(2) If administrative, and a complaint regarding administrative staff performance, administrative execution or interpretation of legislative policy, or administrative policy within the authority of the city administrator, the presiding officer should then refer the complaint directly to the city administrator for his/her review with a written report concerning this issue to the council.

(d) *Other restrictions.* If the presiding officer, or a majority of the council members, decides that the comments are not relevant or are abusive, the presiding officer may:

(1) Order the citizen to modify his comments.

(2) Order the citizen to refrain from speaking.

(3) Order the citizen to leave the council chambers.

(4) Take such other steps as may be necessary to ensure the efficient conduct of the council's business.

(5) The presiding officer may place a time limit on public comments.

Sec. 2-52. Suspension of rules.

The rules of the council or any part of them may be suspended in connection with any matter under consideration by a recorded vote of five council members voting for suspension.

Sec. 2-53. Amendment of rules.

By a recorded vote of five members of the council, the rules of the council or any part of them may be amended.