

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Present: Mayor Arnold, Council President Gray, Alders: Albright, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Attorney Johnson, Weiner, Witthun, Lentz, Bledsoe, interested citizens.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to approve agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Swearing in of new Police Officers: Sergeant Michael J. Rosecky, Officer Matthew H. Dammen:** Clerk Goebel swore in Sgt Rosecky and Officer Dammen. Police Chief Weiner stated with the two new officers, the department would be fully staffed for the first time since 2017.
6. **Correspondence & Communications:** None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve the consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 12/20/22, Approve Operator Licenses for 2022-2024 Licensing Period – None; Consider Mayoral Appointments to the Beautification Committee

Name	Term Expires	Appointment
Ian Gray - Alder	Council	April appt
Jerry Lentz	DPW	or designee
Amy Sandow	2024	business owner
Sherry Culhane	2025	citizen
Patricia Boness	2025	civic group
Natalie Fowler	2026	citizen
Paula Steiner	2026	business owner

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on DPW request to purchase of small dump truck (cab & chassis):** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve the request from DPW to purchase the small dump truck. Roll call vote unanimous.
2. **Consider & take action to suspend the rules on Ordinance #780-23 "An Ordinance To Repeal And Recreate Section 42-40(f) Of The City Code Of Ordinances Concerning Honorary Fire Department Membership":** Motion by Albright, second by Gray to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance #780-23. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action to waive the readings on Ordinance #780-23 "An Ordinance To Repeal And Recreate Section 42-40(f) Of The City Code Of Ordinances Concerning Honorary Fire Department Membership":** Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to waive the required readings on Ordinance #780-23. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action to adopt Ordinance #780-23 "An Ordinance To Repeal And Recreate Section 42-40(f) Of The City Code Of Ordinances Concerning Honorary Fire Department Membership"** Motion by Steiner, second by Roelke to adopt Ordinance #780-23. Carried voice vote.
5. **Approve update to City Administrator employment Agreement:** Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to approve the update to City Administrator employment agreement as agreed in closed session. Roll call vote unanimous.
6. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 239,319.13:** Motion by Roelke, second by Motiff to approve claims in the amount of \$239,319.13. Roll call vote unanimous.

7. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Happy New Year; CDBG project is coming to a close; 2023 projects are getting underway as the Folsom Street reconstruction has been sent to bid; Congratulations to Chief Wiener for a fully staffed department in 5 years! **Mayor:** Thank you to DPW for keeping the streets clear over the holidays and to CWL for restoring power so quickly; Holiday Train was a nice event, thank you to Kyle Ellefson and daughter Lauren for filling in; 732 pounds of food was collected as well as \$365 donated; Library continues their programs and a reminder the Senior Center has been renamed to the Columbus Community Center.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to adjourn at 6:58 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk