

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

1. **Roll call:** Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Present: Mayor Arnold, Council President Gray, Alders: Albright, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Ellefson, Goebel, Atty Johnson, Bledsoe, Larson, 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 Roelke to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** Kelly Crombie, 641 N Ludington St, spoke on parcels 1090.B, 1090.C . Henry Elling, 650 Charles St reminded the Council the repair to the pavilion steps is still needed and could that project be bid along with the Rest Haven restoration bids.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Steiner, second by Gray to approve the consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 2/7/23, Approve Operator Licenses for 2022-2024 Licensing Period: Michelle Maier, Casey Fronheiser; Consider Mayoral Appointment to Recreation Advisory Board: Travis Heiman, term to expire 2025.

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on donation by the 4th of July Committee for Police body cameras:** Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to approve the donation for Police body cameras. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on request of CHLPC to solicit bids for Rest Haven restoration:** Gray asked if including the pavilion stairs would slow down the Rest Haven project; Hermanson stated it probably would but the CHLPC could make it happen. Ellefson stated it would not be legal to attached the stairs to the Rest Haven bid as the plans for the stairs have to be state approved and there are other processes before they are ready to bid. Hermanson agreed that these are two separate projects and should be treated that way. Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to approve the request of CHLPC to solicit bids for the Rest Haven restoration. Carried voice vote.
 3. **Consider & take action to suspend the rules for Ordinance 782-23 "An Ordinance To Create Section 102-63 Of The City Of Columbus Code Of Ordinances Concerning The Powers the Utility Commission":** Motion by Gray, second by Steiner to suspend the rules for Ordinance #782-23. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action to waive the required readings for Ordinance 782-23 23 "An Ordinance To Create Section 102-63 Of The City Of Columbus Code Of Ordinances Concerning The Powers the Utility Commission":** Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to waive the required readings for immediate consideration of Ordinance #782-23. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action to adopt Ordinance 782-23 "An Ordinance To Create Section 102-63 Of The City Of Columbus Code Of Ordinances Concerning The Powers the Utility Commission":** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to adopt Ordinance #782-23. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on Utility Commission recommendation for Addendum to Personnel Manual:** Motion by Motiff, second by Albright to approve the addendum to the Water & Light personnel manual to include 100% standby pay for journeyman on call as back up to an inexperienced apprentice on call. Carried voice vote.
7. **Consider & take action on DPW purchase of mini-dump cab & chassis:** Bledsoe reminded the Council they approved the purchase of a 2023 Ford F550 dump truck (cab & chassis only) with funds rolled over from previous budgets, at a cost of \$51,212.16, plus additional cost for the box at \$33,886 – total cost \$85,098.16. If ordered at that time, it would not be available until next winter. DPW recently became aware of a similar truck, 2022 Ford F450 dump truck available in 6 weeks, at a cost of \$81,700 as built. Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford F450 at a cost of \$81,700. Roll call vote unanimous.

8. **Consider & take action on Offer to purchase for parcels 1090.B, 1090.C:** Motion by Steiner, second by Roelke to approve the offer to purchase parcels 1090.B & 1090.C. Roll call vote 5-1 with Albright, Gray, Motiff, Roelke, Steiner voting Yes, and Reid voting No. Motion carried.
9. **Consider & take action on termination of lease for parcels 1090.001, 1090.B, 1090.C:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve the termination of lease for parcels 1090.001, 1090.B, 1090.C. Roll call vote unanimous.
10. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 2,978,938.32:** Motion by Roelke, second by Reid to approve claims in the amount of \$2,978,938.32. Roll call vote unanimous.
11. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** attended the new business association meeting last week; Thank You to DPW crew, Brandon, Tori, and David for all their work with the snow emergency; reminder of the Spring Primary Election tomorrow. Polls open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. Those with absentee ballots can drop them off with the City Clerk before 8:00 pm Tuesday. **Mayor:** Reminder pool applications are available and due April 1; Easter egg hunt is coming up – all recreation activities are on the City's website; the Columbus Commotion is available with activities in the City from March – May; April's meeting will be Monday, April 3 due to the Spring Election; there is a vacancy on the Tourism Commission – submit your name on the City's website if interested.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Steiner to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk