

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL

1. **Roll Call:** Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Mayor Thom. Present: Mayor Thom, Alders Gray (via teleconference), Johnson, McCabe, Pyfferoen, Reid, Ryan; City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Staff (via teleconference), interested citizens, and the media.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Reid to approve. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications**
 - *Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, City staff need to minimize attendance at the Council meeting in City Hall per Governor Evers' Directive. Citizens wishing to make public comment at the meeting, please call 312-626-6799 by 6:15 pm. All comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.*
No public comment

Consent Agenda: Motion by Ryan, second by Johnson to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 4/6/20

New Business

1. **Take Nominations and Elect a City Council President:** Johnson nominated Katie Ryan for Council President. No other nominations. Motion by Johnson, second by Reid to approve the nomination. Roll call vote unanimous. Ryan accepted the position.
2. **Consider & take action on Mayoral Appointments of Alderpersons to City Boards, Committees, Commissions:** Motion by Ryan, second by McCabe to approve appointments of Alderperson to City Boards, Committees, Commissions with several changes: Exchange McCabe for Pyfferoen in CDA; added Pyfferoen to Ordinance Review ad hoc. Carried voice vote.
3. **Resolution 7-20 "Resolution Providing For The Sale of Approximately \$1,135,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A":** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Ryan to approve Resolution #7-20 Resolution Providing For The Sale of Approximately \$1,135,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on Enerpac donation of playground structures for Warner Street Park:** Motion by Reid, second by Gray to approve the donation. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action to suspend the rules to consider Agenda Item #6:** Motion by Johnson, second by Gray to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Agenda Item #6. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on approval of city employee holding non-city public office (section IX.D of the Personnel Handbook):** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve city employee holding non-city public office. Carried voice vote.
7. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 292,876.96:** Motion by McCabe, second by Ryan to approve claims in the amount of \$292,876.96. Roll call vote unanimous.

Alder Ed Johnson announced his resignation as District 3 Alderperson due to job change and relocation. Johnson stated he really liked his position, and citizens of Columbus should be proud of the quality department heads and staff and he had the distinct pleasure of working on council and is very sad to leave.

8. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** The Governor has extended the Stay At Home order until May 25 so City Hall will continue to be closed to the public. The City has contracted with Clifton Larson for a temporary CPA to fill Finance Director Kim Manley's position after her retirement; new street sweeper is being used; County has started the 2nd Ward Creek project by the deer pen, expect to finish up next week.

Mayor: Kim Manley, Finance Director, last day is May 1. She has been with the City for 9 years. Thank you for all your hard work. Name the new park/natural space contest continues until April 30. Go to link on City website to submit your idea; Election results from April 7: total ballots cast 1895, of those, 1463 were absentee; 61% of registered voters cast a ballot and 77% of registered voters cast an absentee ballot; citizen appointments are coming up, please consider joining a city committee, commission, or board – contact the Mayor if interested; information on the new firetruck is also on the city’s website;

Adjourn: Motion by Ryan, second by Pyfferoen to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Pat Goebel, City Clerk