

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Motiff, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Ellefson, Goebel, City Attorney Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Chief Weiner, Meyers, Chief Hazeltine, Bledsoe, interested citizens.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hammer 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:**  
Ann Ehlenfeldt, 160 Ingalsbe Street, spoke about Dingee property  
John Salzwedel, 841 Park Avenue, spoke about the Dingee property  
Dominic Famularo, 324 W Mill Street, spoke setting council agendas  
Bruce Hatzinger, 135 E Harrison Street, spoke on the Dingee property  
Jeff Venden, 746 S Main Street, spoke on property on W James St, council president change  
Marc Rhode, 743 W School Street, spoke on countryside parcels for sale

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Roelke, second by Motiff to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 4/18/23, Approve Operator Licenses: Julienne Pospichal, Kenneth Allen, Bonnie Arndt, Alise Hayes, Grace Kahl, Cassandra, Alsum, Annaliese Sterwald, Holly Johnson, EmmaJo Peck, Mikenna Boettcher, Brooklynn Benzine; Picnic License Application – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee – 6/29/23 – 7/4/23, Street Closing Request – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Mayoral Appointments to City of Columbus Boards, Committees, Commissions:

Council Appointments:

Beautification Advisory: Ian Gray  
CAAC: Amy Roelke, Mayor Hammer  
Cable Commission: Amy Roelke, Mayor Hammer  
CDA: Sarah Motiff and Adam Steiner  
CHLPC: Ian Gray  
Hillside Cemetery: Ian Gray  
Library Board: Trina Reid  
Ord Review Ad Hoc: Mayor Hammer, Molly Finkler, Trina Reid, Sarah Motiff  
Recreation: Adam Steiner  
Plan Commission: Molly Finkler  
PFC: Trina Reid  
Senior Citizens: Mayor Hammer  
Tourism Commission: Mayor Hammer, Amy Roelke  
Utility Commission: Mayor Hammer

Resident Appointments:

Board of Review: John Ganga  
CAAC: Daja Rasmussen, Karla Hoffmann  
Cable Commission: Lisa Famularo  
CDA: Lori Hackman  
CHLPC: Janice Ulrich, Beth Altschwager  
Joint Review Board: Michael Thom  
Library Board: Jim Schieble, Nora Vieau  
Plan Commission: Nathan Anfinson  
PFC: Regan Rule  
Recreation: Michelle Hoppe, Ellen Agnew  
Tourism Commission: Julie Belschner (fill vacant position)  
Zoning Board of Appeals: John Trava

## New Business

1. **City Council President Election:** Mayor Hammer opened nominations for Council President. Alder Finkler nominated Alder Roelke. Alder Gray nominated Alder Motiff. The consensus was to vote one round and have the Mayor break the tie. Roelke received 3 votes, Motiff received 3 votes. Mayor Hammer broke the tie with a vote for Roelke. Alder Roelke received 4 votes to become Council President.
2. **Consider & take possible action to approve rental agreement with the Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> of July Organization, Inc and to authorize Amy Jo Meyers to execute the agreement on behalf of the City:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to approve Recreation Director Meyers to sign agreement with 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action for CBO & CSA sponsor banners:** Motion by Roelke, second by Reid to approve fundraising using sponsor banners. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action on CHLPC Summer Concert Series:** Motion by Reid, second by Gray to approve the Summer CHLPC Concert Series for 2023. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on Municipal Services Director position:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to approve the position description and salary range for Municipal Services Director. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on City Loan Manual:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve the City Loan Manual. Carried voice vote.
7. **Resolution #4-23 authorizing signatures to sell Countryside Parcels:** Motion by Gray, second by Steiner to approve the Mayor & Clerk as signers for the sale of the countryside parcels. Carried voice vote.
8. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 421,784.73:** Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve claims in the amount of \$421,784.73. Roll call vote unanimous.
9. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Folsom reconstruction project going well considering the weather – sidewalks are being removed, and curbs being poured; thank you DPW for helping WWTP with filter sand project; attended the rural fire group meeting and the group decided to wait on the purchase of the new fire engine; Mr. Theilen's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class from St Jerome's field trip to City Hall included meeting the Mayor, City Administrator and City Clerk – they had some very good questions. **Mayor:** Best wishes and good luck to the high school archers as they compete at the National Tournament; City-wide garage sales May 11, 12; Color Run/Walk is tomorrow.
10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk