

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 – 6:45 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Present: Mayor Arnold, Council President Gray, Alders Albright, McCabe, Motiff, Pyfferoen, Reid; City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Attorney Johnson, Planning & Development Director Schreiber (via Zoom), Rec/CAAC Director Meyers, Police Chief Weiner, WWTP Anding, interested citizens, media.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** Joe Hammer, 162 E School Street requested the Council rescind the emergency order and mask mandate; wearing a mask should be a choice, not a mandate. Al Strohschein, 620 Park Ave, urged the Council to approve permits to move forward with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, and mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee can use some additional and younger members.  
**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Gray, second by McCabe to approve the consent agenda. Pyfferoen mentioned several typos in the minutes. Gray rescinded his motion, McCabe rescinded his second. Motion by Gray, second by McCabe to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 4/20/21, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/20 – 06/30/22, Street Closing: Chamber of Commerce; Red Bud Days May 8, 2021

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action to ratify Mayoral Appointments of Council Members and Citizens to Committees, Commission, and Boards:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Albright to approve the Mayoral appointments of Council Members and Citizens to committees. Carried voice vote.

**2021 Alder Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions**

Joint Review Board	Kyle Ellefson, City Administrator
Cable Commission	Paul Pyfferoen, Mary Arnold
CAAC	Sarah Motiff, Mike McCabe
CDA	Mike McCabe, Sarah Motiff
Hillside Cemetery	Ian Gray
CHLPC	Ian Gray
Investment Board	Mary Arnold
Library Board	Trina Reid
Ordinance Review Board	Shelly Albright, Trina Reid, Paul Pyfferoen
Recreation Advisory Board	Shelly Albright
Plan Commission	Paul Pyfferoen, Mary Arnold
PFC	Trina Red
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Shelly Albright
Street Light Committee	Trina Reid
Tourism Commission	Mike McCabe, Mary Arnold
CWL	Sarah Motiff
CAEMS	Shelly Albright

## 2021 Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions

Cable Commission	Adam Pulver, Michael Clark
CHLPC	Henry Elling, Michael Thom, John Salzwedel
CDA	Peter Adams
Library Board	Deb Hoeffner, Merry Anderson
Plan Commission	Andy Traxler
Tourism	JD Milburn
PFC	Larry Olson
CAAC	Heather Stanton, Laura Johannson, Angie Andler
Recreation Committee	Adam Carthew, Kristen Hart
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Rod Melotte
Board of Review	Ben Van Horn, Michael Kuhn

2. **Consider & take action on June Meeting Dates:** Motion by Reid, second by Pyfferoen to approve changing the June Council meeting dates to June 8 & 22 due to special election and vacations. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on Carrico contract:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve the updated contract with Carrico to state the City will pay for chemicals beyond the \$26,600 flat fee for services. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action on Emergency Order and Mask Mandate:** Resolution 11-21 calls for the continuation of the emergency order until July 6. The resolution does not discuss masks, just gives City Administrator ability to act in the case of an emergency until the Council can meet. Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve Resolution 11-21. Roll call vote unanimous.  
Members of the Council discussed both sides on the mask mandate. Motion by Pyfferoen, second by McCabe to rescind the mask order. After further discussion, Pyfferoen rescinded his motion. It was the consensus of the Council to continue the mask mandate until the May 18 Council meeting to give departments and employees the opportunity to take/order any protective measures needed/desired.
5. **Consider & take action on Amendment to Purchasing Policy:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve the updated purchasing policy. Roll vote unanimous.
6. **Consider & take action on purchasing public property:** Motion by Reid, second by Gray to approve the purchase of parcel #91 in the amount of \$288.75. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 331,418.40:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Motiff to approve claims in the amount of \$331,418.40. Roll call vote unanimous.
8. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Ellefson stated the flat roof on City Hall was damaged and water has leaked into the auditorium, assessment continues; recruitments are on going – Finance Director ad has ended and staff is preparing interview questions; DPW Director recruitment is open until May 17, and DPW maintenance position is open until May 25; vandalism in the parks continue – City has changed the times the bathrooms are open and increased patrol in the parks. City looking at technology to watch the property. **Mayor:** Appointments to the Boards, Committees, Commissions were made today, thank you to those who've served and whose terms have ended. The website has a link to members who serve as well as a form to complete for any of the positions open; Professional Municipal Clerk's Week May 2-8 – congratulations to Clerk Goebel for the hard work, especially during the elections; Mayor & several staff members planted a tree in Fireman's Park for Arbor Day; Honor Tree program will close for spring planting – if you want to order a tree, contact DPW by May 17; spring clean up is May 10 – bulk items on the curb on regular garbage pick up day; Red Bud Days is this weekend – prince & princess contest will take place at 10:45 May 8.
9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk