

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR
MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 – 6:30PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: (in person) Mayor Arnold, Council President Gray, Alders: Motiff, Reid, Pyfferoen, McCabe, Albright; staff: City Administrator Ellefson, Deputy Clerk Fude, City Attorney Johnson (via Zoom), Planning & Development Director Schreiber, Rec/CAAC Director Meyers, Police Chief Weiner, WWTP Anding, Senior Center Director Lang (via Zoom) Public Works Crew Leader Schultz, Water and Light Hammer, interested citizens, and 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 Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** Alan Strohschein, 4th of July Committee. Hoping for a successful event. Will have activities June 30th to July 4th with a parade on Sunday July 4th. If interested in volunteering you may visit Columbus 4th of July website.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to approve. Carried voice vote.

Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/20–06/30/22 (None), Street Closing: 4th of July Committee, July 4th Parade, N Ludington – Park Avenue 11:30 – 3:00 pm, Picnic License: 4th of July Committee, Fireman's Park, June 30 – July 4, 2021, Picnic License: Oddfellows, "Oddtoberfest", Fireman's Park Pavilion, September 25, 2021, Picnic License: Madison Association of the Deaf, Rest Haven, August 7, 2021, Picnic License: American Legion, 229 Poet St, 6/19/21, 7/24/21, 9/11/21, 10/30/21, Street Closing: American Legion, Memorial Day Parade, May 31, 2021

New Business:

1. **Ratify Mayoral appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions:**

Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve Mayoral appointments. Carried voice vote.

Karla Hoffmann – CAAC - fill the unexpired term of Julie Berget (rural), expires 2023

Uriah Monday - Plan Commission - reappointed to new term expiring in 2025

Lisa Wolf – Tourism -fill the unexpired term of Mike McCabe (elected to Council), expires 2023

Patti Walker – Tourism - fill the unexpired term of Bob O'Brion, expires 2024

Mayor Arnold - Ordinance Review Ad Hoc Committee expires 2023 (end of term)

Mayor Arnold - Columbus Water & Light Commission – expires 2023 (end of term)

Amy Moberg Roelke - Senior Advisory Board - Fill Vacant Term, expires 2024

Courtney Hentrich - Fill the unexpired term of Cathy Ballweg, expires 2024

2. **Consider & take action on face coverings in City owned buildings and facilities:**

Mayor reviewed CDC order that was put in place. The CDC has altered their position for fully vaccinated people to not have to wear a face mask. Gray recommended that we amend to add fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a face mask. Albright stated that Dane County allowed the mandate to end. Do we need order in place to qualify for programs? Ellefson was not certain of eligibility. Motiff asked if employees would like any personal protection equipment (PPE). Ellefson said hepa filters have been ordered and employees were asked if they had any additional needs. Reid said the Library Board voted to keep masks because of the younger patrons. Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve amending face coverings in city owned building and facilities for employees that have received COVID vaccination. Roll call: Gray aye, McCabe aye, Motiff aye, Pyfferoen nay, Reid aye, Albright aye. Roll call, motion carried 5-1.

3. **Consider & take action on 2-year repayment agreement for the Columbus Police Department:**

Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Reid to approve agreement for the Columbus Police Department. Carried voice vote.

4. **Consider & take action on the purchase of a UTV with attachments for the Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve purchase of UTV from Richie's for \$21,354.10. Carried voice vote.

5. **Consider & take action on updated Police Sergeant's Position Description:**

Motion by Reid, second by Pyfferoen to approve updated police sergeant's position description. Carried voice vote.

6. Consider & take action on Claim filed by Kelsey Bortz dated April 8, 2021

Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to deny claim filed by Kelsey Bortz dated April 8, 2021.
Roll call vote unanimous.

7. Consider & take action on Raze Order for building located at 428 River Road in the City of

Columbus. Motion by Motiff, second by Gray to approve raze order for the building located at 428 River Road. Gray aye, Motiff aye, Reid Nay, Pyfferoen aye, McCabe aye, Albright aye. Roll call vote approved 5-1.

8. Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$109,999.35

Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve the claims in the amount of \$109,999.35. Roll call vote unanimous.

9. Report of City Officers – City Administrator: Will be interviewing for Finance Director next week. Public Works Director deadline was last night and received experienced applicants. Opening deadline. Hibbard Street continues with engineer addressing concerns. Will have a walk thru this fall to evaluate and fix. Vandalism continues in the parks. Asking everyone that if you see anything please let someone know. There is a reward being offered. **Mayor:** Almost all citizen vacancies have been filled. Red Bud Day was a success. Thanked all the volunteers and everyone that came to enjoy. Highly recommend visiting the Columbus Historic Museum. Farmers Market starts tomorrow from 3 to 6 PM at the previous Old National Bank location. Kelly Crombie invited the Mayor to officially open Mullin's. Mayor read beginning of Public Works Proclamation. Public Works employees keep the city running smoothly and are greatly appreciated. Will be meeting with Amtrak. Starting May 24th will have daily trips. Interested in adding Chicago and twin cities loop.

10. Adjourn: Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Albright to approve to adjourn at 7:12 PM Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Jane Fude, Deputy Clerk