

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

- 1. Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Alders: Finkler, Gray, Reid, Roelke, Steiner; Staff: Goebel, Atty Johnson, City Eng Lietha, Anding, Meyers, Weiner, Hazeltine; interested citizens. Motiff was excused.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
- 4. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Finkler, second by Gray to approve the agenda with the addition of Citizens Comments. Carried voice vote.
- 5. Correspondence & Communications:** None
- 6. Citizen Comments:**
 - Amy Roelke spoke on behalf of Sidney Hagenson regarding the Charlie Cardinal banner
 - Karen Weirlock – 555 Richmond Street spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Travis Heiman – 344 W Mill Street spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Adam Pulver – 348 Chapin Street spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Cory Rappe-Ohlson – 340 W School Street spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Ben Wiseman – 122 W Church Street spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Jalen Hammen – N4100 Hammen Road spoke on the Pride Flag
 - Sophia Bluemanthal – 353 S Ludington Street spoke on the Pride Flag

Consent Agenda: Motion by Finkler, second by Reid to approve the consent agenda. Carried voice vote.

Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 6/6/23, Approve Operator Licenses for 7/1/23 – 6/30/25, Aaron Abegglen, Ryhann Adam, Michele Dent, Mary Dodd, Erich Ehlers, Robert Ganske, Joshua Grubb, Jennie Hamilton, Patricia Hoff, Kathleen Klahn, Heather Kutz, Brenda Maier, Lisa McGee, Laura Paddock, Mary Pyfferoen, Faith Retzlaff, Natasha Smith, Kelly Stratman, Brian Swomia, Eric Wolff, Katelyn Wolf, Miranda Wolf-Heim; Approve Mayoral Appointment: Shirley Berkley, Library Board

New Business

- 1. Consider & take action on license application La Latina Mexican Store LLC:** Motion by Gray, second by Steiner to approve the license for La Latina Mexican Store, LLC. Carried voice vote.
- 2. Consider & take action on Resolution #5-23 2022 Compliance Maintenance Report:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to approve Resolution #5-23 for the 2022 CMAR. Carried voice vote.
- 3. Consider & take action on recommendation from Beautification Committee for downtown banners:** Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to approve the design for the downtown banners. Carried voice vote.
- 4. Consider & take action on Alder request to Declare June LGBTQIA+ Month & to Raise Pride Flag:** Motion by Gray, second by Roelke to approve the declaration of June Pride Month and to Raise the Pride Flag every June. Discussion. Motion by Finkler, second by Steiner to amend the resolution to declare Pride Month and postpone the persistent resolution until 2024. Motion on the amendment carried voice vote with 3 yes, 2 no.
- 5. Consider & take action to approve termination of agreement with Nasco concerning Water quality trading credits:** Motion by Gray, second by Steiner to approve the termination agreement with Nasco. Carried voice vote.
- 6. Consider & take action on claims: \$ 493,799.31:** Motion by Steiner, second by Finkler to approve claims. Roll call vote unanimous.
- 7. Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator – not available; Mayor:** attended the daughters of the American Revolution 120 anniversary; summer concert series started with nice crowd; RFPs are in staff review and will be discussed at the 7/11 COW; have a safe and happy Independence Day.
- 8. Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Pat Goebel, City Clerk