

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 – 6:30 PM**  
**COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Arnold. Present: Mayor Arnold, Council President Gray, Alders: Albright, McCabe, Motiff, Pyfferoen, Reid; Staff: City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Attorney Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Meyers, Lentz, Schreiber, and interested citizens.
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:** Ron Curtis, Brookside Lane, spoke in regards to the Task Order listed on the agenda. He is still of the opinion that either dredging or removal of the park culvert should be done, but not necessary at the same time. Feels removing the culvert will help with the flooding. Would suggest a listening session so conversation can go back and forth.  
Police Chief Dennis Weiner reminded the Council that National Night Out is tomorrow night – lots of activities and food. Thank you to local business community for stepping up and making donations.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Gray, second by Motiff to approve the consent agenda with changes to the minutes. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 7/20/21, Approve Operator Licenses for 2021-2023 Licensing Period.

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action on Mayoral Appointment to Senior Center Advisory Board:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve appointment of Michael Schultze to the Senior Center Advisory Board, term to expire 2023. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on rezoning request in Columbus Commerce Center Lot 7:** Motion by Motiff, second by Pyfferoen to table the rezoning request. Carried voice vote with McCabe voting No.
3. **Consider & take action on Task Order #2021-04 Columbus Stormwater Study Update:** City Engineer Lietha hoped to have the results of this study available at a September meeting. Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve Task Order #2021-04. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 216,195.73:** Motiff had questions why some of the bills were so high this time, such as the Ruckert Mielke bills. Ellefson stated, in the change over with the Finance Director position, some of the bills were not entered into the system. The error was discovered and this shows two months of bills. He also stated he would have year to date information at the next meeting. Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Albright to approve the bills. Roll call vote unanimous.
5. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** The recruitment for a media person has closed and staff is sifting through the applications and hope to start interviews soon; state numbers are coming in for budget purposes and while the City's value increased 3%, new construction was very low; residential growth is slowing as there are few lots to build on. **Mayor:** met with Chief Weiner and got a good prospective on the hiring issues he is having; attended the swearing-in of Fire Chief Hazeltine; shout-out to Enerpac & DPW for the new playground equipment being added at the Warner Street park; National Night Out is tomorrow, August 3 from 5:30 – 8:00, please join us. Next Council meeting will be August 17.
6. **Adjourn:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Motiff to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk