

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

1. **Roll Call:** Mayor Hammer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Mayor Hammer, Council President Roelke, Alders: Finkler, Motiff, Reid, Steiner; Staff: Swartz, Goebel, Atty Johnson, City Administrator Wilson, members of Columbus Fire Dept. Excused: Gray.
 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 Motiff to approve the agenda with correction: Resolution #10-23 should be Resolution #8-23. Carried voice vote.
 5. **Correspondence & Communications:** Fire Chief Hazeltine recognized 4 retired members of the Columbus Fire Dept. Mayor Hammer read and award each with a proclamation for the service: Christopher Orange, Marty Powers, Ryan Rostad, Sue Groh.
- Consent Agenda:** Motion by Motiff, second by Roelke to approve consent agenda. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 8/22/23, Approve Operator Licenses for 2023-2025 Licensing Period: Sarah Chase, Denise Husom

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on disposal of 2017 Ford Police squad:** Motion by Motiff, second by Finkler to approve the disposal of the 2017 Ford Police squad via online auction. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on ordering Police squad:** Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to allow the order of a new squad. Carried voice vote.
3. **Consider & take action on Beautification Committee request to paint garbage cans:** Motion by Roelke, second by Steiner to approve the request with the Beautification Committee setting the parameters and theme. Roll call vote carried 3-2 with Motiff & Reid voting No and Roelke, Steiner, Finkler voting Yes.
4. **Consider & take action on Beautification Committee request to fundraise to paint a mural:** Motion by Finkler, second by Roelke to approve request to begin fundraising for a mural. Carried voice vote.
5. **Consider & take action on SAFEbuilt Contract amendment:** Motion by Steiner, second by Motiff to approve the contract amendment to include zoning applications. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on Resolution #8-23 authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to sign all documents necessary to complete the sale of parcels 1090.B & 1090.C to CBC DT LLC:** Motion by Motiff, second by Steiner to approve Resolution 8-23 authorizing signatures to complete the sale of parcels 1090.B & 1090.C. City Attorney Johnson stated he notified buyers the request for a second extension was turned down, they are prepared to closed today, have received all the documents to close and appear to be in order, Mayor & Clerk need to sign them to complete the deal. He stated the property is not sold until the documents are signed and payment is received; closing takes place September 6. Alder Steiner expressed concern the City could be open to liability if they do not move forward. Atty Johnson recommended moving forward with the sale. Roll call carried 3-2 with Motiff, Roelke, Steiner voting Yes and Reid & Finkler voting No.
7. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 342,087.54:** Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to approve the claims. Roll call vote unanimous.

- 8. Report of City Officers – Interim City Administrator:** Next week is official last week; will be working with new City Administrator Lisa Wilson for a few days and be on call if needed; will attend 9/19 meeting to discuss budget. **Mayor:** attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Chief Executive Officers workshop last week and it was a great experience.
- 9. Adjourn:** Motion by Finkler, second by Steiner to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:
Pat Goebel, City Clerk