

**COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 – 6:30 PM  
COLUMBUS CITY HALL**

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Thom. Present: Mayor Thom, Council President Ryan, Alders: Adams, Gray, McCabe, Pyfferoen (in person), Reid; City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, City Attorney (Zoom), City Staff via Zoom: Duernberger, Lang, Lietha, Ganz, Schreiber, interested citizens.
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
  4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Ryan to approve agenda. Carried voice vote.
  5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None.
- Consent Agenda:** Motion by Adams, second by Ryan to approve. Carried voice vote. Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 1/5/21, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/20 – 06/30/22

**New Business**

1. **Consider & take action on Music & Memory donation to the Senior Center:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to accept the donation from Enerpac. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action Developing a Downtown Tax Increment District (Ehlers Contract):** Motion by Reid, second by Gray to approve the contract with Ehlers & Associates to assist in the development of the downtown TID. Roll call vote unanimous.
3. **Consider & take action on Resolution #2-21 "A Resolution To Authorize The Submission Of A Community Development Block Grant Application" for CDBG Close Application:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Ryan to approve Resolution #2-21. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on Resolution #3-21 "A Resolution To Adopt The Police To Prohibit The Use Of Excessive Force And Barring Of Entrances/Exits For Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations" for the CDBG Close Application:** Motion by Adams, second by Gray to approve Resolution #3-21. Roll call vote unanimous.
5. **Consider & take action to change meeting dates due to upcoming elections:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve moving the Council meeting days: From Tuesday, February 16 to Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, April 6 to Monday, April 5. Carried voice vote.
6. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$ 166,875.30:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve claims in the amount of \$166,875.30. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Property taxes continue to be collected; new DPW Director David Duernberger started today. **Mayor:** John Nehmer, head of the WWTP, will be retiring after 40 years; started in 1981 part time, then full time in the streets department, then moving to the WWTP for the last 14 years. Wish John good luck in his retirement.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion by Gray, second by Ryan to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:  
Pat Goebel, City Clerk