

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 – 6:45 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL
AGENDA

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:26 pm by Mayor Thom. Present : Council President Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present: (in person) Council President Ryan, Mayor Thom, Alders McCabe, Pyfferoen; (Zoom) Gray, Reid; Staff: (in person) City Administrator Ellefson, City Clerk Goebel, Media Coordinator Wolf; (Zoom) City Attorney Johnson, City Engineer Lietha, Duernberger, Schreiber, interested citizens. Adams excused.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance :** Mayor Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ryan, second by Pyfferoen to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** None
Consent Agenda: placed on file Council & Committee of the Whole Minutes – 3/02/21, Applications for Operator Licenses, term 07/01/20 – 06/30/22

New Business

1. **Consider & take action on Community Development Investment Grant Support:** Motion by McCabe, second by Gray to approve Resolution #7-21 for the Community Development Investment Grant Support. Carried voice vote.
2. **Consider & take action on application to keep chickens & bees at 502 Waterloo Street:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve the application to keep chickens & bees at 502 Waterloo Street. Roll call vote unanimous.
3. **Consider & take action on Plan Commission recommendation regarding Conditional Use Permit for the Columbus Elementary School at 200 Fuller Street:** Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve the CUP for Columbus Elementary School at 200 Fuller Street. Carried voice vote.
4. **Consider & take action on Plan Commission recommendation regarding Conditional Use Permit for the Columbus High School at 1164 Farnham Street:** Motion by McCabe, second by Pyfferoen to approve the CUP for the Columbus High School at 1164 Farnham Street. Carried voice vote. The approval does not extend to the driveway variance which does not meet code.
5. **Consider & take action on Special Event Electronic/Appliance Recycling Vendor, Pricing, 2021**
Special Event Electronic/Appliance Recycling Dates: Motion by Gray, second by Ryan to approve the recycling/appliance vendor, pricing, and the 2021 special event recycling days. Roll call vote unanimous.
6. **Consider & take action on DPW Copy Machine upgrade:** Motion by Ryan, second by McCabe to approve the DPW copier machine upgrade. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider & take action on Mayoral Appointment of Brad Basten to Columbus Water & Light Commission:** Motion by Ryan, second by Pyfferoen to approve the appointment of Brad Basten to the CWL Commission, filling the unexpired term of Greg Robbins. Carried voice vote. The term expires October 2022.
8. **Consider & take action on Countryside Lease:** Motion by Ryan, second by Pyfferoen to approve the lease for the old Countryside Ford building for 2 years, with the deletion of paragraph 32 in the agreement. Roll call vote unanimous.
9. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$710,115.91:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second McCabe to approve the claims in the amount of \$710,115.91. Roll call vote unanimous.
10. **Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Ellefson reported 3 new employees will be starting next week: Operator A & B at the WWTP, and Municipal Court Clerk. Thank you to Troy Kehoe, along with DPW & CWL staff for helping Troy at the Treatment Plant. **Mayor:** Congratulations to Columbus Cable & Library won an achievement award for the program "Inspector Pig"; Landscape Recycling Center will be open April 3 – November 27 M-W 1-6, Sat 8-3; in-person absentee voting will be at City Hall Tuesday & Thursday March 23, 25, 30, Apr 1 from 1:00-4:30 and Friday April 2 1:00-5:00 pm. See City website for additional details or call City Hall. 1 year ago COVID arrived and while it was difficult at times to navigate meetings and business as usual, the virus is still here; please remember to stay vigilant. The light is at the end of the tunnel.
11. **Adjourn:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Ryan to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by

Pat Goebel, City Clerk