

COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING MINUES
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 – 6:30 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mary Arnold. Present: (in person) Mayor Arnold, Council Alders: Gray, Motiff, Reid, Pyfferoen, McCabe, Albright. Staff: (in person) City Administrator Ellefson, Deputy Clerk Fude, Rec Director Meyers, Media Coordinator Wolf, City Attorney Johnson (Zoom), City Engineer Lietha (Zoom), Dir Planning/Development Schreiber, (Zoom)
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Notice of Open Meeting:** Noted as posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Gray, second by Reid to approve the agenda. Carried voice vote.
5. **Correspondence & Communications:** Police Chief Weiner (Zoom) regarding no contact drug take back day on Saturday, April 24th at Prairie Ridge Health from 9am-noon. You may see the city's website for more information.
Consent Agenda: Motion by Gray, second by Pyfferoen to approve the amended consent agenda to reflect 4/5/2021 COW being called to order at 7:27 PM and #3 changing picnic license for Columbus Chamber, Inc., not the Kiwanis Club picnic license. Carried voice vote. Placed on file Council & Committee of the Whole Minute 4/5/21, Applications for Operators Licenses, term 7/1/20-6/30/22 and Picnic License: Chamber of Commerce, May 8, 2021 Red Bud Days.

New Business:

1. **Take nominations and Elect a City Council President:**
Pyfferoen nominated Gray for Council President. No other nominations. Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Motiff to approve Gray as City Council President. Gray accepted the position.
2. **Consider & take action on donation from Columbus Countryside Vet Clinic for stray animal chip reader for Police Dept.** The reason for the donation was to identify stray animals after hours. Motion by Gray, second by McCabe to approve donation from Columbus Countryside Vet Clinic for stray animal chip reader for Police Dept. Carried voice vote. Roll call vote unanimous.
3. **Consider & take action on Stormwater Management Measures Maintenance Agreement for Columbus Elementary School.** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve Stormwater Management Measures Maintenance Agreement for Columbus Elementary School. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. **Consider & take action on DPW recruitment & hiring range.** Ellefson explained that this incorporates the changes discussed at COW to increase the high end of the hiring range for a highly qualified candidate and also the reason to recruit. Motion by McCabe, second by Gray to approve DPW recruitment and hiring range. Roll call vote unanimous.
5. **Consider & take action on DPW interim staffing:** Received proposals from Public Administration Associates and McMahan. Motion by Reid, second by Gray to accept proposal from Public Administration Associates. Roll call vote unanimous.
6. **Consider & take action on renewal of Athletic Field contracts:** Gray recommended to reword this as extending the contracts. Motion by Gray, seconded by Pyfferoen to extend Athletic Field contracts until December 31, 2021. Roll call vote unanimous.
7. **Consider & take action on EV Charging Station:** Motiff asked and Schreiber explained how location was chosen. Motion by McCabe, second by Pyfferoen. Roll call vote unanimous.
8. **Consider & take action on Developer's Agreement CDI Grant:** Schreiber gave brief description on this being the final step to clarify the roll of the city and the developer if the grant is awarded. Concerns were raised. Attorney Johnson outlined #10 stating the city will review plans. Motion by Motiff, second by Reid to approve Developer's Agreement CDI Grant with change to paragraph 10 as noted by Attorney Johnson. Roll call vote unanimous.
9. **Consider & take action on claims in the amount of \$711,392.83:** Ellefson reviewed claims. Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to approve claims in the amount of \$711,392.83. Roll call vote unanimous.

- 10. Report of City Officers – City Administrator:** Finance Director recruitment is underway with deadline being Monday, April 26. Bid process was approved for Pavilion stairs project and review of bid timeline. Wastewater continues their land spreading. Small amount of land inventory available and short time to be able to spread and the spreader also broke. May contract with to complete spreading. **Mayor:** Randy Koehn with mixed emotions will be retiring on July 30, 2021. It is with mixed emotions his resignation is accepted on July 30, 2021. City Council members have been invited to a tree planting on Arbor Day, April 30. Trina announced that the library is now open. No appointments required.
- 11. Adjourn:** Motion by Pyfferoen, second by Gray to adjourn at 7:18 PM. Carried voice vote.

Submitted by:

Jane Fude, Deputy Clerk