



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, July 22, 2024
6:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Kt Jacobs
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
City Manager
Aaron Chirpich

AGENDA

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

*Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, or by using Microsoft Teams Meeting at columbiaheightsmn.gov/joinameeting: **287 822 303 488**, Passcode **MGP9KV**. Additionally, members of the public may view the meeting live at columbiaheightsmn.gov/watch. For questions, please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.*

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MISSION STATEMENT

Columbia Heights is a vibrant, healthy and connected City. We are here to actively support the community, deliver equitable services, build and strengthen connections, improve upon our past, and uphold our successes. We strive to be better and ensure Columbia Heights is a great place for everyone, today and in the future.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

- A. Minnesota State Flag Acknowledgement.**
- B. Color Guard Presentation of Minnesota State Flag.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(The Council, upon majority vote of its members, may make additions and deletions to the agenda. These may be items submitted after the agenda preparation deadline.)

PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GUESTS

- A. Fern Shawhan Ostberg 100th Birthday Recognition.**
- B. National Night Out Proclamation.**
- C. Assistance Dog Day Proclamation.**

D. Introduction of Police Department Leadership Team and New Personnel.

Leadership Team

Capt. Erik Johnston, Capt. Jackie Urbaniak, Sgt. Tim Noll, Sgt. Jason Piehn, Sgt. Mohammed Farah, Sgt. Troy Vaughn, Sgt. Guy Juran, Lead Records Tech Becky Romanik

New Personnel

Officer Ahmed Abdullahi, Community Service Officer Alyssa Erickson, Community Service Officer Hunter Deinhammer, Records Tech Brenda Pliego-Geniz.

CONSENT AGENDA

These items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted as part of the Consent Agenda by one motion. Items removed from consent agenda approval will be taken up as the next order of business. (The City Council will make motion to approve the Consent Agenda following the statement of all items.)

1. Approve the July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Move to approve the July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1699, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.315 of the City Code Relating to the Youth Commission.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1699, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance No.1699, an Ordinance amending chapter 3.315 of the City Code Relating the Youth Commission of the City of Columbia Heights and to direct staff to send a summary of the ordinance as presented, for publication in the legal newspaper.

3. Adopt Resolution 2024-54 Amending the Community Development Fee Schedule to Update the Business Use Certificate of Occupancy Fee.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-54, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2024-54, a resolution amending the 2024 Community Development fee schedule

4. Request to Purchase Mobile Pro Systems 3100 Surveillance Trailer.

MOTION: Move to approve the Police Department's purchase of a Mobile Pro Systems Commander 3100 camera trailer in the amount of \$57,008.00, with the expenditure coming from the Police Department's operating budget.

5. Police Department Purchase of Pass-through Evidence Lockers.

MOTION: Move to authorize the Police Chief to purchase evidence lockers from Mid-America business systems in the amount of \$29,494.43 as quoted.

6. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for July 22nd, 2024, as presented.

7. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for July 22, 2024, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

8. Temporary Rental Occupancy License for Approval for 3806 Jackson St. NE.

MOTION: Move to approve the item listed for a temporary rental housing license for July 22, 2024, in that the owner has met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

9. Review of Bills.

MOTION: Move that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 412.271, subd. 8 the City Council has reviewed the enclosed list to claims paid by check and by electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$1,393,294.65.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

This is the public's opportunity to speak regarding this matter. Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk. Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak with this information to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak. When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on. Any comments made after the public hearing is closed will not be considered by the City Council and will not be included as part of the formal record for this matter as the item will have been voted on and the item formally closed by the Council.

10. Consideration of Resolution 2024-55, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 4228 Madison Street NE For Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2024-55, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2024-55, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to City Code, of the rental license listed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinances and Resolutions

11. Consideration of a Rental License Exemption for 4302 2nd Street NE.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2024-053, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 2024-053, a resolution approving the single-family rental exemption request for the rental application at 4302 2nd Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.

Bid Considerations

12. Bid Award for Safe Routes to School, City Project 1807.

MOTION: Move to accept bids and award the Safe Routes to School Construction, City

Project 1807 to Concrete Idea, Inc of Maple Lake, Minnesota, based upon their low, qualified, responsible bid in the amount of \$488,503.50 with about \$390,800.00 from SRTS Grant funding which uses a 80/20 split and the remaining from project funds; and, furthermore, to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a contract for the same.

New Business and Reports

No Items to Report.

CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Report of the City Council

Report of the City Manager

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Community Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Council regarding any matter that has not had a public hearing earlier in the meeting.

Speakers that are in-person are asked to complete a Speaker Form and submit it to the City Clerk.

Once called to the podium, the speaker should state their name and connection to Columbia Heights.

Speakers attending virtually should send a request to speak as well as their address and connection to Columbia Heights to the moderator using the chat function and wait to be called on to speak.

When speaking, virtual attendees should turn their camera on.

All speakers should limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

Personal attacks, threats, the use of profanity, and other disrespectful comments are prohibited.

The City Council will listen to the public comments, ask clarifying questions, and if needed, request staff to follow up or direct the matter to be added to an upcoming agenda. Generally, the City Council will not take official action on items raised at the Community Forum at the meeting on which they are raised.

ADJOURNMENT

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