



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
City Hall—Council Chambers, 590 40th Ave NE  
Monday, May 08, 2023  
6:00 PM

**Mayor**  
Amada Márquez Simula  
**Councilmembers**  
Connie Buesgens  
Kt Jacobs  
Rachel James  
Justice Spriggs  
**Interim City Manager**  
Kevin Hansen

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## **AGENDA**

### **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC**

Members of the public who wish to attend may do so in-person, by calling **1-312-626-6799** and entering meeting ID **856 5504 4384** or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85655044384>. For questions please call the Administration Department at 763-706-3610.

### **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**

### **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**

### **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.)*

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**1. Accept February 7, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Move to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 7, 2023.

**2. Approve March 6, 2023 EDA Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Move to approve the EDA meeting minutes of March 6, 2023.

**3. Approve April 3, 2023 EDA Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Move to approve the EDA meeting minutes of April 3, 2023.

**4. Approve the April 12, 2023 City Council Corner Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Move to approve the April 12, 2023 City Council Corner meeting minutes.

- 5. Approve the April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the April 24, 2023 City Council meeting minutes.
- 6. Accept April 5, 2023 Library Board Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to Accept the Library Board minutes from April 5, 2023.
- 7. Presentation of Body Worn Camera Audit results to City Council.**  
MOTION: Move to acknowledge the receipt of the Body Worn Camera audit report dated April 12, 2023. The audit was conducted on the Columbia Heights Police Department by Lynn Lembcke Consulting on March 3, 2023. A copy of those audit findings will become a part of the record of this meeting.
- 8. Amend Library Meeting Room Usage Policy.**  
MOTION: Move to amend the Library Board Meeting Usage Policy.
- 9. Annual declaration that the City of Columbia Heights does NOT waive the monetary limits on the Municipal Tort Liability under Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04.**  
MOTION: Move to declare that the City of Columbia Heights does NOT waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability under Minnesota Statutes, section 466.04.
- 10. License Agenda.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for May 08, 2023 as presented.
- 11. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for May 8, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.
- 12. 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 \$378,581.31.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*This is the public's opportunity to speak regarding this matter. 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.*

- 13. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1683, Amending Chapter 3, Article 3 of the City Code Pertaining to Boards and Commissions.**  
MOTION: Move to close the hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1683, there being ample copies available to the public.  
MOTION: Move approve Ordinance No. 1683, an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article 3 of the City Code pertaining to Boards and Commissions, and direct staff to send the ordinance, as presented, for publication in the legal newspaper.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Bid Considerations**

**New Business and Reports**

**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 and address their comments to the Council as a whole, not to individual Council Members.*

*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**

*Auxiliary aids or other accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request when the request is made at least 72 hours in advance. Please contact Administration at 763-706-3610 to make arrangements.*