

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

City Council President Frank Miller appeared in person and called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Councilor Burnett provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Chris Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Josh Burnett, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Jerone Wood and Tom Dell were present via WebEx. Jay Foyst was absent. A Quorum was established and the Policy for Electronic Participation was followed.
- D. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on August 19, 2025, as presented. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Chris Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2025, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, CREATING SECTION 2.11.040 OF THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CONTROLLER." Regina McIntyre, Controller, presented this Ordinance. She introduced Ben Reinhart, whose position as Senior Accounting Specialist had been approved by Council to be converted to a Deputy Controller position in Salary Ordinance No. 15, 2025. Regina stated that this new Ordinance would allow her to delegate some of her Controller duties to a deputy. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Cole Bennett, 3871 Villa Drive, asked about pay for this position. Regina stated the pay range is in the salary ordinance. Councilor Hilber made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the Ordinance. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Chris Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

III. New Business

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2025, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM CN (COMMERCIAL: NEIGHBORHOOD) TO RM (RESIDENTIAL: MULTI-FAMILY)." (Dover Development Rezoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He explained Dover Development proposes to rezone 8.48 acres at the southeast corner of Middle and Rocky Ford Roads from CN (Commercial: Neighborhood) to RM (Residential: Multi-Family). He stated the applicants have indicated their intent to develop the property as an assisted living facility. Jeff displayed maps and photographs of the area. He reported the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the application and forwarded it to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of eight in favor and two opposed. Much discussion followed. Nick Dwyer with Dover Development provided additional details regarding the project. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Brad Davis with *The Republic* asked if the rendering in the Columbus Plan Commission packet is roughly what the project would look like. Nick replied the rendering is almost exactly or very similar as to how it would look. Councilor Hilber made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Chris Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

IV. Other Business

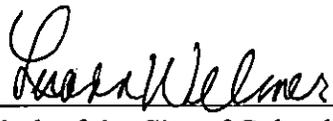
- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – None
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Chris Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye
Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.



Presiding Officer



Clerk of the City of Columbus

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