

COMMON COUNCIL
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 CITY HALL
 MARCH 3, 2026

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 Grace Kestler provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Grace Kestler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Chris Bartels, Elaine Hilber, Jerone Wood, Frank Miller, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, Tom Dell, and Grace Kestler were present in person. Kent Anderson was present via Webex. A Quorum was established and the Policy for Electronic Participation was followed.
- D. Councilor Foyst made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on February 17, 2026, as presented. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Old Business

- A. None

III. New Business

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE COLUMBUS AIRPARK FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN." (Columbus AirPark PUD) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. He explained the Columbus Municipal Airport is requesting to modify the custom set of zoning regulations – the Columbus Airport Planned Unit Development (PUD) – that regulates land use on its non-aviation properties. Jeff displayed maps of the area and discussed the proposed modifications. He stated the Columbus Plan Commission forwarded this proposal to City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of nine in favor and zero opposed. Brief discussion followed. Brian Payne, Airport Director, discussed the necessity for the proposed modifications. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place it in proper channels. Councilor Hilber seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Chris Bartels	Aye
Elaine Hilber	Aye

Jerone Wood	Aye
Kent Anderson	Aye
Frank Miller	Aye
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 49, 2024, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2024." (Amended CCU Bonds) Roger Kelso, Executive Director of City Utilities, and Stan Gamso, Legal Counsel, presented this Ordinance. Roger stated the request is an amendment to Ordinance No. 49, 2024, that allowed the department bonding for projects. He explained when revised budget numbers were provided, they showed approximately a \$10 million gap. Roger stated they can do all the projects that they need to do and have absolutely no impact on any of the projected rates at this point. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. President Miller made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place it in proper channels. Councilor Foyst seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) in favor and one (1) opposed

- C. Columbus Redevelopment Commission Annual Tax Increment Financing Report (IC 36-7-25-8) – Heather Pope, Executive Director of Redevelopment Commission, and Andrew Lanam, Stifel Public Finance, Financial Consultant for the Redevelopment Commission, presented detailed information of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission Annual Report. No formal action was required.

IV. Other Business

- A. Columbus Downtown 2030 Update – Jake Sipe, Director of Community Development, and Bonnie Boatwright, Columbus Downtown 2030 Implementation Project Manager, presented the Columbus Downtown 2030 Strategic Plan Implementation Update. Volunteer John Burnett spoke about the benefits of implementing these projects.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Kestler shared the Yellow Envelope Program, available at Thrive Alliance or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a form with detailed emergency medical information which is to be placed in the yellow envelope and stored in the vehicle glovebox. A sticker is then placed on the driver's side window of the vehicle to alert an officer or emergency medical provider of certain medical information.
- C. President Miller stated he received one Public Comment Request from Kerri Sinibaldi, who asked if this is the time to reassess how the city issues building and renovation permits as a second class city. She stated that many

renovation projects fall through the cracks in her neighborhood. Much discussion followed.

D. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

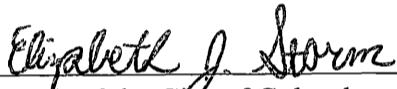
E. Councilor Hilber made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of nine (9) in favor and zero (0) opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 p.m.



Presiding Officer



Deputy Clerk of the City of Columbus