

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
JULY 21, 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 Jay Foyst introduced Micah Barker, Pastor with Friendship Mission Baptist Church, who provided the invocation.
- B. Councilor Jay Foyst led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call was taken: Chris Bartels, Jerone Wood, Kent Anderson, Frank Miller, Jay Foyst, Josh Burnett, and Tom Dell were present in person. Elaine Hilber was present via Webex. Grace Kestler was absent during roll call but arrived via Webex at approximately 6:06 p.m. after the vote for meeting minutes. 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 July 8, 2026, as presented. 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
Jay Foyst	Aye
Josh Burnett	Aye
Tom Dell	Aye

Motion passed by a vote of eight (8) 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 PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026." Regina McIntyre, Controller, presented this Ordinance and the following Ordinance (Item B) at the same time. She explained this request is for the Emergency 911 Center shared technology services. Regina reported the center needs a new Motorola Radio System and Uninterruptible Power Supply (USP), and \$370,000 is being requested for capital expenses. She stated the \$325,000 from Public Safety LIT would be used for operating expenses. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass 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
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 PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY LIT FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Regina McIntyre provided no additional information. Brief discussion followed. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. 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
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.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE INSURANCE NON-REVERTING FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Regina McIntyre presented this Ordinance and the following Ordinance (Item D) at the same time. She reported insurance expenses have risen significantly, and they are requesting \$5,500,000 from the Insurance Non-Reverting Fund and a \$2,600,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Insurance Non-Reverting Fund. Much discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comments. Brad Davis with *The Republic* asked if the stop loss contract is negotiated year to year. Arlette Cooper-Tinsley, Director of Human Resources, said it is negotiated annually. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. President Miller 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	Abstain
Tom Dell	Aye
Grace Kestler	Aye

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

- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE INSURANCE NON-REVERTING FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Regina McIntyre provided no additional information. Councilor Foyst made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. President Miller 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	Abstain
Tom Dell	Aye

Grace Kestler Aye

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

- E. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026." Regina McIntyre presented this Ordinance. She explained the request of \$114,450 would be used for the replacement of the broken glass in the front entry way of City Hall and new chairs for Council Chambers. Brief discussion followed. President Miller opened the meeting for public comment. Brad Davis with *The Republic* asked what caused the glass to crack. Mike Richardson, Director of Security and Risk, suggested it may have happened during the bad weather in January. President Miller closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. 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
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.

- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026." Ashley Beckort, MPO Manager, presented this Ordinance. She stated the MPO Consulting budget is calculated based upon expected Federal allocations for the coming year and is updated in the spring based on unexpended federal funds. Ashley reported the adjustment to this line item for 2026 budget year is \$103,192. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Anderson made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Foyst 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.

- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. ___, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026." Bryan Burton, Director of Public Works, presented this Ordinance. He explained the request for \$70,000 is for vehicle repairs. Bryan stated the city has had two significantly large engine repair expenditures. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. Councilor Foyst 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.

- H. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE STREETSCAPE NON-REVERTING FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Jake Sipe, Director of Community Development, and Bryan Burton presented this Ordinance. Jake explained there are three activities within the request for \$294,000 from the Streetscape Non-Reverting fund. He stated the projects include purchasing new trash and recycling receptacles for the downtown area of which 80% of that cost will be reimbursed. Additional projects are repairing banner arms for the banner flags along Washington Street, and landscape improvements for parking lot 10. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass 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
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.

- I. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PARK BOND PROCEED FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Nikki Murphy, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented this Ordinance. She explained that the Park Bond Proceed fund has remaining funds of \$529,460 and she is asking that this amount be appropriated to finish the planned build out of the fitness center and multiple projects within the Nexus Park facility. Much discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Dell made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. President Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and four (4) opposed.

- J. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2026, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE READI FUND FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2026.” Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, presented this Ordinance. He reported the city has been awarded READI funds for four distinct initiatives. These initiatives include the Animal Care building project, Columbus Gateway Access Road project, Lincoln Turf project, and the Arts and Cultural Bus Shelter project. Eric

stated the additional appropriation request is \$3,808,690. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Foyst made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance and place in proper channels. 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
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.

IV. Other Business

- A. There were no Standing Committee or Liaison Reports.
- B. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**
- C. Councilor Dell 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
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 7:37 p.m.


Clerk of the City of Columbus


Presiding Officer