



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE  
Monday, September 11, 2023  
6:00 PM

**Mayor**  
Amáda 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**

- A. Constitution Week Proclamation.**
- B. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.**

### **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. Approve the August 28, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the August 28, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes.
- 2. Approve the September 5, 2023 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes.**  
MOTION: Move to approve the September 5, 2023 City Council Work Session meeting minutes.

**3. Approve August 7, 2023, Regular EDA Meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Move to approve the August 7, 2023, Regular EDA meeting minutes.

**4. License Agenda.**

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for September 11, 2023 as presented.

**5. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.**

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for September 11, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

**6. 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 \$1,141,410.65.

**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.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**7. Centerpointe Franchise Agreement - Renewal**

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1689, there being ample copied available to the public.

MOTION: Move to set the second reading of Ordinance 1689, pertaining to the renewal of the franchise agreement with Centerpoint Energy for Monday, September 25, 2023, at approximately 6:00 pm in the City of Columbia Heights City Council Chambers.

**8. Second Reading of Ordinance 1688, Prohibiting Smoking Within Parks and Amending the Definition of Public Place.**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1688, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance No. 1688, being an ordinance amending chapter 10 article II of the Columbia Heights city code to prohibit smoking within city parks and amending the Columbia Heights City Code to redefine the definition of public place and direct staff to send the summary ordinance for publication in the legal newspaper.

**9. Approval of Resolutions 2023-49 and 2023-50 Requesting Funds from the Anoka County HRA and Transferring Said Funds to the EDA**

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolutions numbered 2023-49 and 2023-50, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 2023-49, a resolution requesting funds from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to support economic development activities within the City of Columbia Heights.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. 2023-50, a resolution transferring \$780,000 of ACHRA grant funds from the City of Columbia Heights to the Columbia Heights Economic Development Authority for the purchase, abatement, utility work, and demolition of 3853 and 3851 Central Ave.

**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.*

*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.*