



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall—Council Chambers, 3989 Central Ave NE
Monday, September 25, 2023
6:00 PM

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

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 876 7918 4575 or by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679184575>. 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. Recognition of Library Volunteers.**
- B. Domestic Violence Awareness 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 September 11, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the September 11, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes.
- 2. Approve the September 13, 2023 City Council Corner Meeting Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to approve the September 13, 2023 City Council Corner Meeting minutes.
- 3. Accept the August 8, 2023 Sustainability Commission Minutes.**
MOTION: Move to accept the August 8, 2023 Sustainability Commission minutes.

4. Approval of Application for Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to Conduct Off-Site Charitable Gambling at Murzyn Hall.

MOTION: Move to approve the Off-Site Gambling application for the Columbia Heights Athletic Boosters to conduct a bingo event at Murzyn Hall, 530 Mill Street NE, on October 15, 2023, and to direct the City Manager to sign the Off-Site Gambling Permit Application verifying the City's approval.

5. Award of Professional Services for Engineering Design and Construction Services for 2024 Safe Routes to School, City Project 1807.

MOTION: Move to approve the proposal for engineering design and construction services for 2024 Safe Routes to School, City Project 1807 with SRF Consulting for an estimated cost of \$148,830 appropriated from Fund 430.6323.43050.1807.

6. Second Reading of Centerpointe Franchise Agreement.

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

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 1689, an Ordinance granting Centerpoint Energy a non exclusive franchise to operate, repair and maintain natural gas distribution.

Additionally, direct staff to send the summary ordinance for publication in the legal newspaper.

7. Rescission of the Single-Family Rental Moratorium

MOTION: Move to rescind the moratorium on the issuance of single-family rental licenses established by Ordinance 1687, seeing as the moratorium has achieved its expressed goals of researching and establishing a single-family rental density cap within Columbia Heights.

8. License Agenda.

MOTION: Move to approve the items as listed on the business license agenda for September 25, 2023 as presented.

9. Rental Occupancy Licenses for Approval.

MOTION: Move to approve the items listed for rental housing license applications for September 25, 2023, in that they have met the requirements of the Property Maintenance Code.

10. 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 \$1,543,902.46.

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.

11. Consideration of Resolution 2023-051, Revocation of the License to Operate Rental Units Within the City of Columbia Heights Against the Rental Property at 677/679 43rd Avenue NE for Failure to Meet the Requirements of the Residential Maintenance Codes.

MOTION: Move to close the public hearing and waive the reading of Resolution 2023-051, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-051, being a Resolution of the City Council of the city of Columbia Heights approving revocation, pursuant to City Code, of the rental license listed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

12. Resolution 2023-048 Adopting a Proposed Budget for the Year 2024, Setting the Proposed City Levy, Approving the HRA Levy, Approving a Tax Rate Increase, and Establishing a Budget Hearing Date For Property Taxes Payable In 2024.

MOTION: Move to waive the reading of Resolution 2023-048, there being ample copies available to the public.

MOTION: Move to adopt Resolution 2023-048, being a resolution adopting a proposed budget for the year 2023, setting the proposed city levy, approving the HRA levy, approving a tax rate increase, and establishing a budget hearing date for property taxes payable in 2024 of December 11, 2023, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the city council chambers.

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.

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.