PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2024

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on October 7, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Columbus Community Building, Community Room, 2500 14 Street, Columbus, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Columbus Telegram on September 25, 2024, with a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the office of the city clerk. Notice of this meeting was given simultaneously to the mayor and members of the city council, with a copy of the acknowledgment of receipt of notice being on file in the office of the city clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the mayor and city council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Bulkley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room. Present were Mayor James Bulkley and Council Members Cynthia Alarcòn, Charlie Bahr, Hope Freshour, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Kat Lopez, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Clerk Shuraya Choat, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Fire Chief Ryan Gray, Police Captain Todd Thalken, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Parks and Recreation Director Betsy Eckhardt, Project Engineer Braden Labenz, and Engineering Administrative Specialist Renee Whiting.

1. **PRAYER:** Jablonski led in prayer.

3. **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The National Anthem was played and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a city council member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The items on the consent agenda were approved as presented with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

4.A. **Minutes of September 16, 2024, Board of Equalization meeting.**

4.B. **Minutes of September 16, 2024, City Council meeting.**

4.C. **Reappointment of Sheri Boucher to Senior Center Advisory Board for three-year term.**

4.D. **Reappointment of Anne Kinnison to Columbus Housing Authority for five-year term.**

4.E. **Resolution No. R24-110 renaming the portion of Progress Drive abutting**

Lots 1 and 2, Block A and Lots 1 and 2, Block B in Vitality Village Subdivision to Vitality Drive. (Planning Commission recommends approval.) Resolution No. R24-110 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, RENAMING A PORTION OF PROGRESS DRIVE ABUTTING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK A AND LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK B, VITALITY VILLAGE SUBDIVISION TO "VITALITY DRIVE" AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

4.F. **Resolution No. R24-111 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R24-111 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT A CHECK BE ISSUED AND MADE PAYABLE TO THE RESPECTIVE CONTRACTOR(S) FOR LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS FURNISHED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED DISTRICTS AND PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ALL AS SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS PREPARED BY THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL ENGINEER TO WIT: B-D CONSTRUCTION, INC., VAN BERG GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP RENOVATIONS, $30,842.10; B-D CONSTRUCTION, INC., VAN BERG GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP RENOVATIONS, $74,157.90; BIERMAN CONTRACTING, INC., CENTENNIAL PARK RESTROOM AND CONCESSION BUILDING, $106,554.60; BIERMAN CONTRACTING, INC., CENTENNIAL PARK RESTROOM AND CONCESSION BUILDING, $161,954.10; BOYD JONES CONSTRUCTION CO., COMMUNITY BUILDING, $41,985.10; GEHRING CONSTRUCTION AND READY MIX CO., INC., PAVING AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF VITALITY VILLAGE SUBDVISION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING SOUTH PARKING LOT, $221,979.00; NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC, PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF, $31,780.00; NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC, PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF, $465,102.00; WATTS ELECTRIC COMPANY, LOST CREEK PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS 2024, $292,502.76.

4.G. **Payroll and bills on file.** B=Bnd Pymnts; CP=Capt'l Proj; E=Expns; G=Grnts; I=Insrnc; L=Lic; M=Mbrshp; P=Pymt; R=Rfnd; RT=Rent; S=Srvc & Supp; T=Trng. 10/11/24 Payroll $846,757.89; 10/11/24 quarterly payroll $3,853.55; 911 Cstm 1,120.00 S; Ace Hdwr 1,217.74 S; Adv Auto 657.27 S; Allo 31.10 S; Aqua-Pure 14,946.69 S; Arnold Mtr Sup 1,016.10 S; Auxiant 166,603.09 I; Awards & Eng 163.25 S; Barcel Lndscp Prod 2,475.00 S; B-D Const 105,000.00 CP; A Benesch & Co 9,156.94 CP; Bierman Cont 268,508.70 CP; Birddog Elec 12,783.85 CP; Blackstn Pub 273.54 S; Blackstrap 3,459.50 S; Blue Vlly Pub Sfty 555.00 S; Bomgaars 823.03 S; Boyd Jones 41,985.10 CP; Bullseye Fire Sprnklr 721.83 S; BVH Arch 149,336.13 CP; Calico Quilt Club 200.00 S; Cap One-Walmart 515.00 S; Casey's Mail Serv 752.86; Cntr for Munc Sol 4,748.28 S; Cntr Point Lrg Prnt 171.99 S; Chesterman Co 42.44 S; Chrome N' Steel 444.00 S; CHS Sprts Bstrs 250.00 S; City of Col 9,484.26 S;

Civic Pls 7,547.40 S; CLIA Lab 248.00 S; Club Prpht 500.00 S; Col Area Chamber 1,340.00 S; Col Comm Hosp 2,048.79 S; Col Cstm Emrdy 74.00 S; Col Music 13.00 S; Col Plmbng 75.90 S; Col Tire 84.00 S; Comfort Spec 830.00 S; Cmmnwlth Elec 966.00 CP; Cnsldtd Mngmnt 775.95 S; Core & Main 279.14 S; Cues 1,030.00 S; Culligan 52.00 S; D&K 1,307.50 S; Daniels Prod 4,480.00 S; Danko 89.32 S; DAS St Acctng 1,663.99 S; Demco 131.97 S; Diamond Vgl 3,564.00 S; Eakes 1,638.59 S; Edison Lghtng 503.80 S; Elect Pump 16,437.14 S; Elect Eng 187.54 S; First Ntl 50.00 S; Force America Dist 5,571.00 S; Frontier 89.10 S; Gale 1,362.31 S; Galls 418.22 S; Gaver Tire 3,678.74 S; Gehring Const 225,016.20 CP; Gen Trffc Cntrls 2,860.00 S; Gerhold Cncrt 1,748.49 S; Graybar Elec 97.11 S; Grt Pln Bldg Sup 40.70 S; Grt Pln Comm 209.95 S; Hadley-Braitwait 233.80 S; Hawkins 19,306.82 S; HDR 10,475.51 CP; Hrtlnd Offc Clnrs 500.00 S; Hmtwn Leasing 232.93 S; Imagetrend 7,845.92 S; Ingram Lbry 4,094.20 S; Interstate All Bttry 95.40 S; Interstate Bttry Sys 458.85 S; Jackson Serv 2,637.41 S; JEO 3,240.00 S; John Deere 567.55 S; Kelly Sup 175.51 S; Kidwell 10,509.00 CP; Kirkham Michael 9,472.85 CP; A Laborde 2,225.00 S; LARM 910,697.40 I; P Laska 84.92 E; Lifeguard MD 72.00 S; Lncln Wnwtr Wrks 5,237.50 S; K Lingenfelter 71.61 R; Loup 4,095.24 S; Mailbox 93.30 S; Matheson-Lnwld 148.50 S; Menards 1,035.09 S; Mid-Am Rsrch Chem 213.00 S; Mid-State Eng 1,260.00 CP; Mdwst Auto Fire Sprnklr 380.00 S; Mdwst Mchn 320.00 S; Midwst Serv 720.00 S; Mdwst Tape 1,518.48 S; Motorola 447,406.42 CP; NAPA 151.47 S; NE APCO 380.00 T; NE Glf & Trf 1,020.00 S; NE Pub Hlth 536.00 S; Nemaha 496,882.00 CP; Noswett 4,725.00 S; Novicki Fire Prev 740.50 S; NWEA 1,885.00 T; Occptl Hlth 435.00 S; Olsons 558.00 S; Optimist Club 3,000.00 G; O'Reilly 205.13 S; Otte Elec 985.84 S; Overdrive 3,000.00 S; Paper Tiger 35.00 S; Payrollorg 299.00 M; Pete Lien 6,641.10 S; Petty Cash 123.39 S; Pictometry 18,150.00 CP; Platte Vlly Humane Soc 21,000.00 P; Platte Vlly Prntng 139.03 S; Pwr Pln 982.98 S; Profssnl Srvyrs Assoc 250.00 M; Psychlgcl Res 150.00 S; Quadient 1,000.00 S; Quick Med Clms 5,419.38 S; Quill 34.84 S; Readon Lawn 142.13 S; RFCC 625.00 CP; Rvrside Prtbl 105.00 S; Rutt's 252.33 S; Sapp Bros 11,160.47 S; Schffr Sgns 4,108.00 S; School Dist #1 3,735.00 P; G Sealock 150.00 S; Security Equip 84.50 S; Srvcmstr by Shvln 2,485.00 S; K Sherrill 31.00 E; Sherwin Wllm 1,306.00 S; Shevlin Sup 567.58 S; R Sloup 31.00 E; Standard & Assoc 233.28 S; State of NE 58,908.92 P; State Treasurer 794.22 P; Stericycle 760.57 S; Steve Lloyd Rntls 30.92 S; Stryker 39.21 S; Spr Svr 77.54 S; Sysco 7,437.87 S; T-Bone 47.98 S; The Filter Shp 1,662.20 S; The Golf Shp 722.00 S; Tire Outlet 2,832.00 S; Too Fast Sup 221.93 S; Tritech Sftwr 4,789.60 S; Truck Cntr 468.37 S; True Ag 230.42 S; Trfwrks 41.21 S; Tweet's 25.98 S; UNL-Pierce Cnty Ext 150.00 T; USA Bl Bk 196.99 S; Van Wall 125.54 S; Verizon 2,832.07 S; Vessco 1,163.35 S; S Wampler 1,400.00 T; Watts Elec 292,502.76 CP; Wellness Prtnrs 10.00 S. Total $4,351,704.79.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

9. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES: None

10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES: None

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Application from Big 10 Sports LLC for special designated license at 4471 41 Ave from 8 a.m., October 19, 2024, to 1 a.m., October 20, 2024, for a 5k marathon and concert. The application from Big 10 Sports LLC for a special designated liquor license was approved with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.B. Appointment of Donna Epley to Senior Center Advisory Board for three-year term. The mayor's appointment of Donna Epley to the Senior Center Advisory Board was ratified with a motion by Bahr and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.C. Appointment of Bill Podraza to Senior Center Advisory Board for three-year term. The mayor's appointment of Bill Podraza to the Senior Center Advisory Board was ratified with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.D. Quote from Kucera Painting, Inc. in the amount of $65,333 for painting of the lazy river and swirl bowl and zero entry pools at Pawnee Plunge. CIP #25-11 The quote from Kucera Painting, Inc. for painting at Pawnee Plunge was accepted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Freshour. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.E. Quote from Mueller Sprinklers in the amount of $22,079 for 72-inch mower for park department. CIP #25-10 The quote from Mueller Sprinklers for a 72-inch mower was accepted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.F. Quote from Midwest Turf and Irrigation in the amount of $88,142.22 for 11 ft mower for park department. CIP #25-09 Eckhardt clarified that she used Sourcewell to fulfill the bid requirements. The quote from Midwest Turf and Irrigation for a 11 ft. mower was accepted with a motion by Lopez and second by Roth. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and

Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.G. Quote from Refuse, Inc. in the amount of $174,605 for garbage truck for park department. CIP #25-07 Bulkley explained that the city purchased a garbage truck several years ago in order to collect trash from the parks which ultimately saved money. Eckhardt added that the plan is to trade the current truck for a smaller one that will not require a CDL, allowing the city to better utilize its summer staff. The quote from Refuse, Inc. for a garbage truck was accepted with a motion by Roth and second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.H. Quote from Churchich Recreation in the amount of $18,774.71 to replace damaged pieces of playground equipment at Air Vista, Pawnee, Bradshaw, and Glur parks. CIP #24-14 Eckhardt explained that some of these pieces are being replaced due to sun damage while others have been vandalized. The quote from Churchich Recreation to replace damaged pieces of playground equipment was accepted with a motion by Alarcòn and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye”

13.I. Quote from Electronic Engineering in the amount of $638,434.74 for radio communications equipment for fire department. CIP #25-01, 02 Gray noted that the city did not receive the $450,000 grant they had applied for. Hiemer explained that this purchase was dependent on grant approval and he did not feel comfortable proceeding with the quote as presented. The quote from Electronic Engineering for radio communications equipment was tabled until the October 21, 2024, city council meeting with a motion by Roth and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.J. Quote from Stryker in the amount of $199,626.90 for five cardiac monitors and accessories for fire department. CIP #25-03 Hiemer thanked Gray for researching this product and pointed out that this option ultimately resulted in a cost savings. Gray also commended Captain Dunn for his efforts. The quote from Stryker for cardiac monitors and accessories was accepted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.K. Quote from Galls in the amount of $20,940.54 for 20 ballistic vests for fire department. CIP #25-04 Gray explained that the level 3 bullet-resistant vests are in conjunction with the police department and will be used to enhance preparedness for active shooter and active threat situations. The quote from Galls for ballistic vests was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.L. Reallocate $15,000 from CIP #25-04 (Ballistic Vests) to the CIP general fund and approve the quote from Truck Center Companies in the amount

of $11,879.50 for ambulance repairs. The reallocation of $15,000 from CIP #25-04 to the CIP general fund and the quote from Truck Center Companies for ambulance repairs was accepted with a motion by Roth and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.M. **Quote from Sherwin Williams in the amount of $15,210 for paint machine for street department. CIP #25-15** The quote from Sherwin Williams for a paint machine was accepted with a motion by Alarcòn and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.N. **Quote from Logan Contractors Supply in the amount of $58,080 for crack sealer for street department. CIP #25-20** The quote from Logan Contractors Supply for a crack sealer was accepted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.O. **Quote from Titan Machinery in the amount of $123,811.36 for backhoe for street department. CIP #25-21** It was noted that a fee is paid to Sourcewell by the vendor, not by the city. The quote from Titan Machinery for a backhoe was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.P. **Comments from mayor and city council members.** There were no comments from the mayor or council members.

14. **RESOLUTIONS:**

14.A. **Resolution No. R24-112 amending the Constitution and By-Laws of the Columbus Reserve Firefighters.** Gray noted that the most significant change is moving from a percentage-based system to a point-based system. Resolution No. R24-112 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE COLUMBUS RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.B. **Resolution No. R24-113 amending Standard Operating Guidelines for the fire department.** Resolution No. R24-113 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES & STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA was adopted with a motion by Alarcòn and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.C. Resolution No. R24-114 amending Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local No. 1575, to include a wage adjustment. Resolution No. R24-114 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL NO. 1575, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Jablonski. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.D. Resolution No. R24-115 approving Amendment No. 1 to design-build agreement with Nemaha Sports Construction LLC in the amount of $1,338,795 for Pawnee Park Baseball Field Turf project. CIP #23-16 Hiemer pointed out that the remaining costs associated with the guaranteed maximum price will be funded by Columbus Mariners Baseball. Resolution No. R24-115 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS BETWEEN OWNER AND DESIGN BUILDER WITH NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,338,795 FOR THE PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT AND A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR SAID PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,444,780; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.E. Resolution No. R24-116 accepting an Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry Program grant in the amount of $140,000 to create a community forestry program. Eckhardt noted that the community forestry program will take approximately two years to complete and fulfilling the tree inventory requirement would allow for future grant opportunities in order to further develop the city’s residential tree program. Resolution No. R24-116 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING AN INFLATION REDUCTION ACT URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $140,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN, COMPLETE A TREE INVENTORY, PLANT TREES IN PUBLIC AREAS, AND CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON TREE CARE; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Freshour and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. Ordinance No. 24-25 amending city code section 70.022 to amend the requirement of illuminated rear license plates to plainly visual displayment of rear license plates. Thalken noted that this change will be less restrictive and more aligned with state statute. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-25 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 70.022 OF CHAPTER 70 OF TITLE VII OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENT OF ILLUMINATED REAR LICENSE PLATES TO PLAINLY VISUAL DISPLAYMENT OF REAR LICENSE PLATES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM was read by number only with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 24-25 was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

15.B. Ordinance No. 24-26 removing Title IX, Chapter 90, Sections 90.060 through 90.067, "Wild or Exotic Animals", from Columbus City Code. Bulkley explained that a new animal store in Columbus requested clarification on this ordinance as it prohibited certain wild or exotic animals. With no recent issues involving wild or exotic animals, staff recommends these sections be removed. He added that this change would be more aligned with other first-class cities. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-26 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, REPEALING THE “WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS” SECTIONS OF TITLE IX, CHAPTER 90, SECTIONS 90.060 THROUGH 90.067 OF THE COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM was read by number only with a motion by Lopez and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr,

Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 24-26 was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

15.C. **Ordinance No. 24-27 amending 2024-2025 Pay Plan.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 24-27 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND HOURLY SALARY RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION was read by number only with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 24-27 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Freshour, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

16. **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:** None

17. **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:** None

18. **CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL AND BILLS ON FILE:** Included in Consent Agenda.

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

20. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Presented and approved this 21st day of October 2024.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Shuraya Choat