PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
January 20, 2025

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on January 20, 2025, 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 January 2, 2025, 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:** 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 Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Kat Lopez, AJ Palensky, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. Council member Cynthia Alarcòn was absent and excused. City staff members included City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Attorney Gene Schumacher, City Clerk Shuraya Choat, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Chief Charles Sherer, Police Captain Todd Thalken, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Chief Building and Code Official Andy Woehrer, Public Property Director Doug Moore, Human Resource Director Tammy Orender, Joint Communications Director Rachel Pensick, Project Engineer Braden Labenz, and Communications Manager Matt Lindberg.

2. **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. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

4.A. **Minutes of January 6, 2025, City Council meeting.**

4.B. **Change the date of the second meeting in February 2025 to Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6 p.m. due to President's Day.**

4.C. **Reappointments of Joe Marksmeier and Melissa Spearman to Downtown Business Improvement Board for three-year term.**

4.D. **Resolution No. R25-03 approving request of Antique Tractor and Gas Engines Show to camp overnight in Pawnee Park, Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 2025. (Board of Parks Commissioners recommends approval.)** Resolution No. R25-03 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING USE OF PAWNEE PARK TO CAMP OVERNIGHT ON JUNE 6 AND 7, 2025, FOR THE ANTIQUE TRACTOR AND GAS ENGINES SHOW.

4.E. **Resolution No. R25-04 approving Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Realty Holdings, LLC for coordination of construction improvements and reimbursable costs on 35th Avenue between 25th and 26th Streets for Concrete Paving Improvements 2025 project.** Resolution No. R25-04 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COLUMBUS REALTY HOLDINGS LLC, A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO COORDINIATE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS AND REIMBURSABLE COSTS ON 35TH AVENUE BETWEEN 25TH AND 26TH STREETS FOR THE CONCRETE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2025 PROJECT; 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.

4.F. **Resolution No. R25-05 approving agreement with Mike's Towing for towing services.** Resolution No. R25-05 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MIKES TOWING FOR TOWING SERVICES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026, 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.

4.G. **Resolution No. R25-06 approving agreement with Behlen Towing LLC for towing services.** Resolution No. R25-06 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH BEHLEN TOWING LLC FOR TOWING SERVICES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026, 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.

4.H. **Resolution No. R25-07 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R25-07 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, $2,054.10; BIERMAN CONTRACTING, INC., CENTENNIAL PARK RESTROOM AND CONCESSION, $48,155.40; NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC, PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT, $249,570.00; NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC, PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT, $224,550.00; NEMAHA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION LLC, PAWNEE PARK BASEBALL FIELD TURF PROJECT, $158,400; WATTS ELECTRIC COMPANY, LOST CREEK PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS, $43,437.60.

4.I. Finance department report.

4.J. 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; 1/31/25 payroll 704,947.69; A to Z Msgng 130.00 S; Ace Hdwr 449.07 S; Adv Auto 85.58 S; Ag Spry Equip 2,858.40 S; J Aldag 28.32 E; Amer Legal 36.00 S; Ameritas 5,640.00 S; Arnold Mtr Sup 3,073.37 S; Auxiant 199,975.06 I; Baird Holm 1,056.00 S; B-D Const 2,054.10 CP; Behlen Twng 1,050.00 S; Bierman Cntrctng 48,155.40 CP; Black Hills 6,427.79 S; R Bogus 179.76 E; Burns & McDnnll 4,992.30 CP; BVH Archtctr 8,436.46 CP; Carolina Sftwr 600.00 S; Casey's Mail Serv 5,087.17 S; CBS Rprtng 9.70 S; Cntrl Prgms 1,169.15 S; Chicago Dist Cntr 44.92 S; Chrome N Steel 232.91 S; Churchich 2,729.30 S; Club Prpht 500.00 S; CNC Rpr 2,549.26 S; Col Chamber 30,000.00 P; Col Crdt Serv 141.70 S; Col Cstm Emb 114.00 S; Col Fam Rsrc Ctr 10,937.84 RT; Core & Main 18,035.88 S; Crnhskr Pwr 473.31 S; Culligan 144.50 S; Daniels Prod 818.08 S; Downey Drilling 3,900.00 S; D Dunbar 7,593.64 P; Eakes 6,585.69 S; Elect Eng 40.80 S; Eller Htg 189.54 S; First Natl Bnk of Omaha 16,019.63 S; Frontier 1,863.90 S; Fun Exprs 631.04 S; Galls 1,231.58 S; Gaver Tire 25.00 S; Gehring Constr 8,702.76 S; Gene Stffy 446.03 S; Golfnow 196.96 S; Grainger 292.50 S; Grt Pln Comm 1,563.36 S; Gunslingers 1,540.55 S; H2 Equip 19.28 S; Hadley-Braitwait 79.90 S; Havana Stone 485.00 S; HD Spply 142.10 S; Hrtlnd Ntrl Gas 16,667.03 S; Hrtlnd Offc Clnrs 520.00 S; HOA Sol 642.00 S; Hobby Lobby 54.28 S; Hotsy Equip 6,295.00 CP; M Howerter MD 1,294.00 S; Hy-Vee 88.77 S; IBM Corp 3,545.90 S; Indelco Plstcs 490.60 S; Ingram Lbry 6,093.51 S; Jackson Serv 2,064.39 S; Keast Ent 43.97 S; Kelly Sup 225.76 S; Kirkham Michael 16,899.23 CP; A Laborde 2,175.00 S; Lakeview Sm Eng 2,093.00 S; Language Ln Serv 404.51 S; Lawson Prod 202.73 S; Lncln Jrnl Str 520.50 S; Loup 98,238.94 S; Lower Loup Ntrl Res 200.81 S; Mailbox 132.40 S; Matheson-Linweld 40.83 S; McIntire Mngmnt 281.97 S; Mech Sls 9,720.00 S; Menards 775.93 S; Mid-State Orgnzd Crm 200.00 M; Mdwst Lab 109.17 S; Mdwst Serv & Sls 7,225.70 S; Mdwst Tape 608.96 S; Mike's Twng 1,500.00 S; Moms & Mops 800.00 S; Mueller Sprnklrs 2,978.00 CP; Napa Auto 142.02 S; NE Harvestore 474.95 S; NE Lib

Comm 582.10 S; NE Recreation & Park 250.00 T; NE UC Fnd 5,730.00 P; Nemaha Lnscp 632,520.00 CP; NE NE Econ Dev 1,552.50 G; NE NE Sld Wste 62,589.82; Occ Health 545.00 S; Olson Pest 483.00 S; One Call 156.56 S; One Src 118.00 S; O'Reilly 1,178.27 S; Otis Elev 775.00 S; Paper Tiger 35.00 S; Pete Lien 6,661.68 S; Petty Cash 20.00 S; PK Sfty Sup 213.32 S; Platte Cnty 4,062.00 S; Platte Vlly Comm 2,840.50 CP; Power Tech 700.00 S; Psychlgcl Rsrcs 600.00 S; QMC 6,626.16 S; Reardon Lawn 88.00 S; S Riedmiller 30.05 E; Riverside Prtbls 105.00 S; Road Bldrs 7,485.00 CP; Sapp Bros 21,565.60 S; Schieffer Sgns 390.00 S; Schwing Bioset 132.34 S; Security Equip 3,586.33 S; Serc 19,988.59 B; Sherrill Kffn 15.85 S; Sipple Hansen 2,867.50 S; Snap-on 142.84 S; State Dept of Rev 46,023.64 P; Spr Svr 68.82 S; Sysco 11,376.99 S; Systm Tchnlgy 495.00 S; T-Bone 68.98 S; The Glf Shp 396.24 S; Tire Outlet 927.00 S; TK Elevator 256.76 S; Tractor Sup 124.79 S; Truck Ctr 123.10 S; TY's Outdoor Pwr 1,097.18 S; Univ of NE Med Cntr 163.00 S; UNL Pesticide Sfty 285.00 T; USA Blue Bk 970.78 S; USDA APHIS 1,247.70 S; Utility Srvc 22,897.08 S; C Van Dyke 175.00 S; Vandenberg Elec 1,044.00 S; J Velazquez 24.28 R; Verizon 61.83 S; Verizon Wrls 880.22 S; Vulcan Ind 9,972.00 S; C Wagner 144.00 S; Wst Conn 628.66 S; Watts Elec 43,437.60 CP; Winsupply 352.52 S; World Trade Prs 721.41 S. Total $2,227,061.73.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6.A. State of the City address by Mayor Bulkley. Bulkley noted that the state of the city is good and pointed out that this year's budget is $92,345,089 with the city's share of property tax at 16 percent and a decrease to the city's tax levy for the second year in a row. The following were mentioned as significant accomplishments in 2024: completion of Phase 2 of the 23rd Street project, approval of Vitality Village Subdivision and multiple other housing developments, beginning phase of upgrades and expansion to the water utility system, installation of artificial turf at Pawnee Park, reconstruction of Centennial Park restroom and concession building, reconstruction of major arterial and collector roadways to provide safer and better traffic flow, and completion of Lost Creek Parkway sanitary sewer truck line and water transmission line. Major projects planned for 2025 include: replacement and renovation of the US 30/81 Loup River Bridges (state sponsored project), major lift station repairs, installation and reconfiguration of traffic signals on the Lost Creek Parkway at 48th, 33rd, and 18th Avenues, continued work on water utility upgrades, and street rehabilitation and maintenance. Bulkley also noted the city's dedication to continue to improve and maintain both essential and quality of life services to the community.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.A. Public hearing - Citizen's Advisory Review Committee report of activities in accord with the Columbus Economic Development Plan. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Bahr and a

second by Lopez. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

7.B. **Public hearing - Application from K Herman Development LLC to rezone property at 4075 33rd Avenue (located east of 33rd Avenue between 40th and 42nd Street) from "R1" (Single-Family Residential District) to "B-2" (General Commercial District) and to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan.** Sue Rieckman, 3204 40 Street, Cristal and Scott Menke, 3968 30 Avenue, Gerri Putnam, 3976 Lost Creek Drive, and Keith Evans, 3981 Lost Creek Drive, adjacent property owners to the proposed development, expressed concerns regarding the following: current traffic and safety issues in their neighborhood as well as 33rd Avenue and 38th Street; additional traffic from this development increasing congestion and significantly impacting safety; the site plans; and water drainage. Council members echoed similar concerns with heavy traffic in the area noting a potential need for another traffic study and discussed possible solutions for slowing down traffic in the Maple Park neighborhood. Bulkley clarified that public safety is important and that the lack of police presence in the area and pedestrian crosswalk issues would be addressed. Vasicek further explained that part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant will address traffic concerns in this area as well as improvements along Lost Creek Parkway at 48th, 33rd, and 18th Avenues. Kelby Herman, on behalf of the applicant, explained the next step in the process is to approve site plans for the development which includes five or six two-story buildings with approximately 100-120 units. He stated that K Herman Development is working on the plans with Advanced Consulting Engineering and that water drainage and traffic issues will be addressed. It was also noted that, due to high infrastructure and projects costs, developing single family homes on this parcel would not be cost effective and that this project is not eligible for tax increment financing. The public hearing closed with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

7.B.1. **Ordinance No. 25-01 approving rezoning.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-01 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE COLUMBUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ZONING CHAPTER, PASSED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 2024, AS THE ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, BY ORDINANCE NO. 24-32, AND AS AMENDED THEREAFTER, TO REZONE AND RECLASSIFY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON PART OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., RUNNING THENCE EAST 310 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 435 FEET; THENCE WEST 310 FEET; THENCE NORTH 435 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL COURSES BEING PARALLEL TO THE WEST OF THE

NORTH LINE OF SW1/4, SW1/4, AND A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, SAID POINT BEING 310.00 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 435.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 966.17 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE NORTH ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 435.00 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 7, A DISTANCE OF 965.53 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 9.65 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW1/4, SW1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NE CORNER OF LOT 16, BLOCK “B”, MAPLE PARK 3RD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SW1/4, SW1/4, A DISTANCE OF 300.92 FEET; THENCE SW’LY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK “B”, MAPLE PARK 3RD ADDITION AS EXTENDED TO THE NE CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID BLOCK “B”, 296.13 FEET; THENCE SE’LY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 AND LOT 5, BLOCK “B”, MAPLE PARK 3RD ADDITION, 132.33 FEET; THENCE SE’LY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 5, 6, AND 14 OF SAID BLOCK “B”, 172.39 FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF LOT 15 OF SAID BLOCK “B”; THENCE SE’LY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 15, 158.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF “R-1” (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “B-2” (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT); TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND MADE A PART OF SAID CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO SHOW SAID REZONING AND RECLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only with a motion by Hiemer and second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent. A motion was made by Hiemer and seconded by Bahr to adopt Ordinance No. 25-01. Lopez voted “Aye” and Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent. Motion failed.

7.C. **Public hearing - Application from K Herman Development LLC for special use permit to allow convenience storage in a "B-2" (General Commercial District) zone located east of 33rd Avenue between 40th and 42nd Street.** Due to the failed adoption of Ordinance No. 25-01, the public hearing was removed from the agenda with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

7.C.1. **Ordinance No. 25-02 approving special use permit.** Ordinance No. 25-02 was removed from the agenda with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None

9. **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES:** Finance department report included in Consent Agenda

10. **REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

10.A. **PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND WORKS COMMITTEE** - January 13, 2025.

10.A.1. **Policies and Procedures Manual for Columbus Community Building.** The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Columbus Community Building. The report was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Schilling. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

10.A.2. **Crisis Communications Plan.** The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the Crisis Communications Plan. The report was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Schilling. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

10.B. **PUBLIC FINANCE, JUDICIARY, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** - January 14, 2025.

10.B.1. **Municipal Recognition Categories.** The Public Finance, Judiciary, and Personnel Committee recommended approval of the updates to the Municipal Recognition Categories. The report was adopted with a motion by Palensky and a second by Jablonski. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

10.B.2. **Strategic Plan 2024-2029.** The Public Finance, Judiciary, and Personnel Committee recommended approval of the Strategic Plan. The report was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Palensky. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

11. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:** None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Appointment of Brett Rains to Downtown Business Improvement Board to fill unexpired term of Lindsay Thomson. Rains thanked the council for the opportunity to serve. The mayor's appointment of Brett Rains to the Downtown Business Improvement Board was ratified with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.B. Appointment of Nicole Lindhorst to Downtown Business Improvement Board for three-year term. The mayor's appointment of Nicole Lindhorst to the Downtown Business Improvement Board was ratified with a motion by Bahr and a second by Roth. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.C. Quote from Snap-on Industrial in the amount of $29,180.02 for tools and equipment for central maintenance facility. CIP #25-23 The quote from Snap-on Industrial for tools and equipment was accepted with a motion by Roth and a second by Hiemer. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.D. Quote from Van Wall Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $27,870 for two greens brushes and two greens rollers for golf department. CIP #25-13, 14 The quote from Van Wall Equipment, Inc. for two brushes and two rollers was accepted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Palensky. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.E. Quote from Nelson Systems, Inc. in the amount of $29,759.90 for voice recorder for joint communications center. Pensick confirmed that this is a budgeted item that will be reimbursed by set-aside funds. The quote from Nelson Systems, Inc. for a voice recorder was accepted with a motion by Palensky and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.F. Quotes from Motorola Solutions and Electronic Engineering in the total amount of $13,973.50 for radio system upgrades for police department. CIP #21-01 The quotes from Motorola Solutions and Electronic Engineering for radio system upgrades was accepted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.G. Quote from Jones Automotive in the amount of $30,258.68 for vehicle equipment and installation for police department. CIP #21-05, 06, 07 The quote from Jones Automotive for vehicle equipment and installation was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lopez. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.H. Purchase from InVeris Training Solutions in the amount of $96,700 for virtual firearms and de-escalation simulator for police department. CIP #25-33 The purchase from InVeris Training Solutions, Inc. for virtual firearms and de-escalation simulator was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Lopez. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.I. Change meeting dates and times for Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee and Public Finance, Judiciary, and Personnel Committee. A motion to change the committee meetings to the 1st and 3rd Monday each month as needed was made by Hiemer and seconded by Jablonski. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, and Schilling voted "Aye" and Roth voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

13.J. Comments from mayor and city council members. Bulkley announced that snow removal plans and procedures are available on the City's website.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R25-08 approving renewal of Commercial Operator Agreement with Best Air LLC. Resolution No. R25-08 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING A LEASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCIAL OPERATOR BEST AIR LLC, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO EXECUTE THE SAME; AND, TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

14.B. Resolution No. R25-09 approving contract with Gehring Construction and Ready-Mix Co., Inc. in the amount of $2,540,815.10 and Change Order No. 1 to decrease the total by $186,152.50 for a revised contract price of $2,354,662.60 for Concrete Paving Improvements 2025 and 11th Street Sidewalk Improvements CDBG 23-DTR-003. Resolution No. R25-09 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AWARDING CONTRACT TO GEHRING CONSTRUCTION AND READY-MIX CO., INC. FOR THE BASE BID AND ADDITIONAL PROJECTS 1 THROUGH 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,540,815.10 AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO DECREASE THE TOTAL BY $186,152.50 FOR A REVISED CONTRACT PRICE OF $2,354,662.60 FOR CONCRETE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2025 AND 11TH STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS CDBG 23-DTR-003 was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Roth. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Alarcòn was absent.

14.C. Resolution No. R25-10 approving professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $499,998 for Safe Streets and

Roads for All project. CIP #25-24 Bogus explained that a key part of developing the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is to conduct a study in order to identify which streets and corridors in Columbus require safety and traffic improvements. Once the study is complete and a plan is established, the city would then qualify for SS4A implementation grants to address those issues. Resolution No. R25-10 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $499,998 FOR COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL 2025 PROJECT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO; 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 Palensky and a second by Lopez. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

14.D. **Resolution No. R25-11 adopting the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Columbus Community Building.** Resolution No. R25-11 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE “COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BUILDING POLICIES & PROCEDURES”; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Lopez. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

14.E. **Resolution No. R25-12 adopting the Crisis Communications Plan for the City of Columbus.** Resolution No. R25-12 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE “CRISIS COMMUNICATION PLAN”; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Lopez and a second by Bahr. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

14.F. **Resolution No. R25-13 amending the Municipal Recognition Program for the City of Columbus.** Resolution No. R25-13 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE “MUNICIPAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM”; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Jablonski. Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Alarcòn was absent.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: None

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 7:23 p.m.

Presented and approved this 3rd day of February 2025.

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