PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
April 21, 2025

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on April 21, 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 March 26, 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 Cynthia Alarcòn, Charlie Bahr, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, AJ Palensky, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. Council Member Kat Lopez was absent and excused. City staff members included City Administrator Tara Vasicek, City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Clerk Shuraya Choat, City Engineer Rick Bogus, Police Captain Doug Molczyk, Public Works Director Chuck Sliva, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Jean Van Iperen, Project Manager Braden Labenz, Communications Manager Matt Lindberg, and Dispatchers Laura Bonilla, Lynn Svoboda, Raquel Vazquez, and Cindy Wiese.

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

4.A. **Minutes of April 7, 2025, Board of Equalization meeting.**

4.B. **Minutes of April 7, 2025, City Council meeting.**

4.C. **Minutes of April 7, 2025, Community Development Agency meeting.**

4.D. **Renewal of solid waste hauling licenses for the following: Ace Sanitation Service, Inc., Beemer Lumber LLC dba Discount Dumpster, Hilltop Rolloff LLC dba Callaway Rolloff, S2 Roll-offs Refuse & Recycling, U & I Sanitation LLC, and Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc., contingent on bond requirements being met.**

4.E. **Resolution No. R25-61 authorizing the mayor as the chief elected official to sign the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Recovery Section Authorized Representative Designation, of the Hazardous Mitigation Program grant application for the Loup River Regional Flood Evaluation.** Resolution No. R25-61 is entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, RECOVERY SECTION AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION FORM FOR HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE LOUP RIVER REGIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION ASSESSMENT, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND TO REPEAL ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

4.F. **Resolution No. R25-62 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R25-62 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: GEHRING CONSTRUCTION & READY MIX CO., INC., CONCRETE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2025, $197,393.40; BIERMAN CONTRACTING, INC., CENTENNIAL PARK RESTROOM AND CONCESSION, $94,455.90.

4.G. **Finance department report.**

4.H. **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; 4/25/25 payroll 877,476.73; 911 Cstm 347.00 S; A to Z Msgng 135.00 S; Ace Hdwr 802.17 S; Amazon 1,839.41 S; Aqua-Pure 7,585.46 S; Arnold Mtr Sup 1,537.51 S; Auxiant 136,996.69 I; AVI 10,035.83 CP; Awards & Eng 14.00 S; Baird Holm 726.00 S; Behlen Twng 1,855.00 S; BerganKDV 48,700.00 S; Bierman Cntrctng 94,455.90 CP; Black Hills 3,942.48 S; Bnd Tree Med 4,735.72 S; Carolina Sftwr 1,426.94 S; Casey's Mail Serv 5,898.00 S; Chrome N Steel 1,677.66 S; CNC Rpr 2,107.20 S; Col Chamber 1,980.00 P; CCH 534.32 S; Col Crdt Serv 110.67 S; Col Fam Rsrc Ctr 11,265.98 RT; Col Motor Co 585.30 S; Col Plmbng 210.50 S; Consldtd Wtr Sol 17,850.00 S; Core & Main 14,154.40 S; CPPD 488.49 S; Culligan 349.15 S; D Johnson Trckng 2,494.15 S; Daniels Prod 243.68 S; Demco 166.48 S; Detectachem 792.19 S; Drain Surg 150.00 S; D Dunbar 27,733.13 P; Eakes 1,023.71 S; Elect Pump 2,381.06 S; Elctrnc Eng 285.00 CP; Emrgncy Serv Mktng 660.00 S; First Natl Bnk of Omaha 20,964.10 S; Frontier 1,954.63 S; G.I. Trlr 471.66 S; Galls 310.99 S; Gehring Const 199,127.63 CP; G Steffy Ford 563.38 S; Geocomm 3,328.00 S; Godfathers 87.21 S; Golfnow 196.96 S; Grt Plns Bldg Sup 608.16 S; Grt Plns Comm 1,562.66 S; Hach 685.67 S; Hawkins 7,490.37 S; HDR 77,247.19 CP; Hrtlnd Ntrl Gas 7,272.34 S; Hobby Lobby 53.51 S; Hotsy Equip 354.49 S; M Howerter MD

1,294.00 S; Image Tech 182.65 S; Ingram Lbry 1,966.49 S; Inland Trck 1,179.20 S; Inveris Trng 9,670.00 CP; Jackson Serv 2,232.09 S; John Deere Fin 783.44 S; Kelly Sup 1,007.74 S; Koch Excvtng 683.76 S; B Labenz 176.94 E; Language Ln Serv 227.85 S; LARM 535.34 S; Lawson Prod 147.16 S; LCL Trck Equip 334.91 S; Lncln Jrnl Star 226.72 S; Loup 97,776.20 S; Macqueen Equip 8,140.53 S; Mailbox 69.76 S; Matheson-Linweld 108.42 S; Medline 335.76 S; Menards 2,212.91 S; Mdwst Alarm Serv 1,192.32 S; Mdwst Lab 883.92 S; Mdwst Serv & Sales 1,543.94 S; Mdwst Tape 773.17 S; Mike's Twng 2,450.00 S; Moms & Mops 450.00 S; Motion Ind 1,165.01 S; Motion Pict Lic 352.50 S; Motoplex 59.99 S; Motorola 38,114.10 CP; Mueller Sprnklr 1,249.96 S; Mncpl Pipe 2,615.25 S; Napa Auto 373.72 S; Nape 90.00 M; NE Law Enf 250.00 T; NE State Fire Mrshl 244.00 S; Newman Sgns 1,122.74 S; NE NE Econ Dev 45.00 G; NE NE Sld Wste 61,706.66 S; NW Elctrc 2,320.48 S; Olson Pest 503.00 S; Omaha Wrld Hrld 695.50 S; One Call 363.98 S; One Src 1,135.25 S; O'Reilly 105.73 S; Paper Tiger 35.00 S; Penworthy Co 1,985.94 S; Pet Care Spec 571.77 S; Pete Lien 6,654.24 S; Petty Cash 1.75 S; Platte Cnty 4,183.86 S; Platte Vlly Comm 1,312.15 S; Playaway Prod 1,413.74 S; Pwr Tech 702.00 S; Psychological Res 150.00 S; QMC 6,331.39 S; Reardon 584.20 S; Rensenhouse 479.90 S; Rstrnt Sup 3,395.10 S; Riverside Port 110.00 S; Sapp Bros 29,283.74 S; Schieffer Sgns 8.00 S; C Seadschlag 36,487.20 CP; Seiler Instrmnt 2,400.00 S; Settje Plmbng 659.85 S; Shvln Sup 564.23 S; Shirst R Us 30.00 S; Sipple Hansen 3,901.65 S; Sirius 22,426.94 CP; Solid Wst Assoc 459.00 S; Stryker Sls 922.50 S; Spr Svr 50.73 S; Swank Motion Pict 1,480.00 S; Target Sol 9,837.36 M; T-Bone 75.88 S; Teleflex 1,650.00 S; The Bpad Grp 650.00 S; The Glf Shp 2,535.54 S; Tire Outlet 1,512.02 S; TK Elevator 256.76 S; Tooley Drg 280.76 S; Truck Ctr 3,453.06 S; Utility Serv Co 22,978.03 S; Van Diest 15,773.00 CP; C Van Dyke 175.00 S; Verizon 61.83 S; Verizon Wrls 880.22 S; Wst Conn 635.54 S; White Cap 379.98 S; Zimco 9,848.90 S; B Zywiec 707.00 S. Total $2,055,405.71.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Included in Consent Agenda

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

6.A. Proclamation declaring April 13 through April 19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Bulkley read the proclamation, presented it to Columbus & Platte County Joint E911 Communications Center dispatchers Raquel Vazquez, Laura Bonilla, Lynn Svoboda, and Cindy Wiese, and thanked them for their service.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7.A. Public hearing - Application from Fehringer & Mielak, LLP to rezone property located north of E 19th Street between E 11th Ave and E 12th Ave from "B-2" (General Commercial District) to "ML/C-1" (Light Industrial District) and to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan. (Planning Commission recommends approval.) Jason Mielak, explained the rezoning will allow for a convenience storage facility. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing closed with a motion by Roth and a

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

7.A.1. **Ordinance No. 25-04 approving rezoning.** The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-04 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: THE SOUTH 591.30 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 3, BLOCK B, EXCEPT THE NORTH 167.50 FEET THEREOF; ALL IN SAND SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND FURTHER EXCEPTING: LOT 1, SAND SUBSTATION SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 3, BLOCK B, SAND SUBDIVISION, IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., PLATTE COUNTY, FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF “B-2” (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO "ML/C-1" (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL 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 Bahr and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent. Ordinance No. 25-04 was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

8. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**: None

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

9.A. **Update on Nebraska Department of Transportation 23rd Street Reconstruction project.** Bogus explained that the project is on schedule with water mains and storm sewer installations underway. The 23rd Avenue crossing is now open with temporary paving; however, it will close again later to complete final paving. Looking ahead, Bogus noted that the eastbound lanes are expected to be fully open by the end of August or early September, with the NDOT completing final project work by November 2025.

9.B. **Update on Loup River South Bridges project.** Bogus explained that crossover lanes on the northbound bridge are being prepared while the southbound bridge

is scheduled to be closed the week of May 5th, remaining closed until its expected completion in April 2027. The NDOT will then begin preparations for demolition of the southbound bridge during which time the Pawnee Park trail and vehicle traffic under the bridge will be closed. Bogus clarified that river traffic will remain open during demolition and construction; however, access will be limited during certain phases of the project. He added that once the southbound bridge is complete the northbound bridge will close for repairs.

9.C. 2024 tax increment financing report. Lindsley noted there are twenty-six redevelopment projects utilizing $48.8 million in tax increment financing with two new projects added this past year. She explained that no projects in 2024 were paid in full; however, two projects will be paid back early in the next year or two.

10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

10.A. PUBLIC PROPERTY, SAFETY, AND WORKS COMMITTEE: April 21, 2025

10.A.1. Request of Clark Grant, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, to extend the time period for completion of public improvements for Centennial Park 8th Addition from the previously extended date of April 17, 2025, to April 17, 2027. The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the request to extend the completion of public improvements for Centennial Park 8th Addition to April 17, 2027. The report was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

10.A.2. Request of Clark Grant, on behalf of Ferguson Properties, Inc., to extend the time period for completion of public improvements for Park Place 10th Addition from the previously extended date of April 17, 2025, to April 17, 2026. The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the request to extend the completion of public improvements for Park Place 10th Addition to April 17, 2026. Bogus confirmed this is the second extension and noted that negotiations are still ongoing with Black Hills Energy. The report was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

10.A.3. Cost share of paving and infrastructure 2025. The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the city cost share of paving and infrastructure for 2025. The report was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

10.A.4. Amend city code regarding fireworks discharge time for December 29 and 30 stated on the required signage at all fireworks sale locations and various other changes that align with the city's current inspection procedures. The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the changes as presented. Jablonski stated he believes no fireworks should be permitted for December 29 and 30. Choat clarified that this would be a correction

to the required signage that is posted at all fireworks sale locations, noting that while the allowed discharge time for those dates has always been 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the signage incorrectly listed the hours as 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The report was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Roth. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Jablonski voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

10.A.5. Traffic Control Device Committee report for 1st Quarter 2025. The Public Property, Safety, and Works Committee recommended approval of the quarterly report of the Traffic Control Device Committee. The report was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Palensky. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

12. REPORTS ON LEGISLATION: None

13. NEW BUSINESS:

13.A. Application from Smash the Trash Sanitation LLC for solid waste hauling license. The application from Smash the Trash Sanitation LLC for a solid waste hauling license was approved with a motion by Palensky and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

13.B. Quote from Skydio, Inc. in the amount of $62,861.40 for two drones for the police department. CIP #25-37 Molczyk explained that the drones are equipped with advanced technology and are compatible with Axon, a leading manufacturer law enforcement gear, which will enable future expansion capabilities for the police department. The quote from Skydio, Inc. for two drones was accepted with a motion by Alarcòn and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

13.C. Quote from P & R Sales & Service in the amount of $17,750 for UTV Side by Side for wastewater treatment plant. CIP #25-55. The quote from P & R Sales & Service for a UTV was accepted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

13.D. Comments from mayor and city council members. Schilling announced that May 1st is National Day of Prayer. The group Vertical Voices will be performing at 6 p.m., and the event will take place throughout the day at Frankfort Square. Jablonski added that the Sertoma club will be displaying flags as part of the celebration.

14. RESOLUTIONS:

14.A. Resolution No. R25-63 accepting Deed of Dedication for ZEBAC Addition (38th Street east of 30th Avenue.) (Planning Commission recommends

approval.) Resolution No. R25-63 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ACCEPTING THE DEED OF DEDICATION TO A PARCEL OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A MINOR SUBDIVISION OF THE N1/2 OF THE NE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 18, T17N, R1E, TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, HEREINAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS "ZEBAC ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA" was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Hiemer. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Lopez was absent.

14.B. Resolution No. R25-64 awarding Community Block Grant funds to Kiara Ziemba for downtown revitalization. Resolution No. R25-64 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,250 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO. 23-DTR-003 TO KIARA ZIEMBA AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD, 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 was adopted with a motion by Roth and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Lopez was absent.

14.C. Resolution No. R25-65 awarding Community Development Block Grant funds to Crystal Klug for downtown revitalization. Resolution No. R25-65 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,600 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO. 23-DTR-003 TO CRYSTAL KLUG OF HOME REVIVAL BY CK, LLC, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT BOARD, 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 was adopted with a motion by Palensky and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay". Lopez was absent.

14.D. Resolution No. R25-66 approving professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $149,995 for 8th Street & 12th Avenue Intersection Design. CIP #25-35 Bogus explained that HDR will study the intersection of 8th Street & 12th Avenue to figure out possible traffic solutions. Design proposals will be presented and public input will be considered before any final decisions are made. Resolution No. R25-66 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING SHORT FORM AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $149,995 FOR 8TH STREET AND 12TH AVENUE INTERSECTION DESIGN; 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 Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

14.E. Resolution No. R25-67 amending the Social Media Policy to not permit public comments on all city-owned Facebook pages. Bulkley outlined the purpose of the city’s social media and encouraged residents to reach out to the city through direct message, email, or phone. Resolution No. R25-67 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY TO NOT PERMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ALL CITY-OWNED FACEBOOK PAGES; 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 Alarcòn and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. Ordinance No. 25-05 levying special assessments on Street Improvement District No. 184 (23rd Street from east of 48th Avenue to 54th Avenue) and Street Improvement District No. 189 (48th Avenue from 23rd Street to south of Bradshaw Park Entrance). The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-03 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE LOTS AND PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY INCLUDED WITHIN STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 184 (23RD STREET FROM EAST OF 48TH AVENUE TO 54TH AVENUE). AND STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 189 (48TH AVENUE FROM 23RD STREET TO SOUTH OF BRADSHAW PARK ENTRANCE) TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN SAID DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE METHODS OF PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE was read by number only with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Roth. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent. Ordinance No. 25-05 was adopted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Alarcòn. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Lopez was absent.

15.B. Ordinance No. 25-06 amending section 133.04 of Chapter 133 of Title XIII of the Columbus City Code regarding fireworks discharge time for December 29 and 30 stated on the required signage at all fireworks sale locations and various other changes that align with the city's current inspection procedures. On its first reading, Ordinance No. 24-06 entitled: AN ORDINANCE

OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA AMENDING SECTION 133.04 OF CHAPTER 133 OF TITLE XIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) REGARDING THE FIREWORKS DISCHARGE TIME FOR DECEMBER 29 AND 30 STATED ON THE REQUIRED SIGNAGE AT ALL FIREWORKS SALE LOCATIONS AND OTHER VARIOUS CHANGES THAT ALIGN WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT INSPECTION PROCEDURES; 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.

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 6:44 p.m.

Presented and approved this 5th day of May 2025.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Shuraya Choat