PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
October 6, 2025

A regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session on October 6, 2025, at 6:00 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 October 1, 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 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, Troy Hiemer, Rich Jablonski, Kat Lopez, AJ Palensky, Prent Roth, and Ron Schilling. City staff members included City Attorney Neal Valorz, City Administrator Tara Vasicek, Interim Police Chief Bret Strecker, Fire Chief Ryan Gray, Finance Director Heather Lindsley, Park and Recreation Director Betsy Eckhardt, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Jean Van Iperen, Communications Manager Matt Lindberg, and Assistant City Clerk Linda Nickeson.

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

4.A. **Minutes of September 15, 2025, City Council meeting.**

4.B. **Minutes of September 22, 2025, Civil Service Commission meeting certifying police captain candidates Heath Aldrich and Jaymee Levander.**

4.C. **Ratify all actions of James B. Bulkley, Larm representative, identified in the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting of the League Association of Risk Management on September 24, 2025, including election of nominees to the LARM Board of Directors.**

4.D. **Application from Walmart, Inc. for Jordan L. Blocker as manager in conjunction with liquor license.**

4.E. **Resolution No. R25-126 authorizing payment of various improvement projects.** Resolution No. R25-126 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. ADA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS 2025, $37,371.55; GEHRING CONSTRUCTION & READY MIX CO., INC., CONCRETE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS 2025, $85,619.96; SCREED TECH LLC, EIGHT-PLACE T-HANGAR AT COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, $238,707.33; SCREED TECH LLC, EIGHT-PLACE T-HANGAR AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, $89,137.82; WATTS ELECTRIC COMPANY, LOST CREEK PARKWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS 2024, $198,391.13.

4.F. **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. 10/10/25 Payroll $871,508.03; 10/10/25 quarterly payroll $5,008.00; 911 Cstm 35.00 S; Ace Hdwr 1,207.36 S; A Ackman 30.72 R; Allo 135.06 S; Am Legal 30.00 S; G Anderson 574.61 R; Aqua-Chem 805.20 S; Arnold Mtr Sup 845.22 S; AT&T 2,197.95 S; Auxiant 232,077.88 I; A Benesch & Co 3,498.00 CP; R Berger 100.00 R; Big Eight Mutual 20.00 M; BK Floor 3,932.99 S; Blackstn Pub 238.08 S; BCBSNE 1,655.31 R; Bomgaars 1,302.73 S; D Borchers 701.00 R; Bound Tree Med 737.62 S; Brite 41,575.00 CP; J Bulkley 345.90 E; Bullseye Fire Spr 1,060.54 S; Buresh Golf & Equip 1,040.00 S; Burns & McDonnell 64,600.00 CP; Cap One-Walmart 305.81 S; Carolina Sftwr 828.66 S; F & J Cech 275.00 R; CCC 85.00 T; ChampVA 89.18 R; Chrome N' Steel 80.00 S; City of Col 9,936.99 S; Club Prpht 517.00 S; Cole-Parmer 6,512.45 CP; Col Area Chamber 1,060.00 S; Col Comm Hosp 3,528.52 S; Col Cstm Emrdy 137.00 S; Col Plmbng 642.00 S; Conner Psych Serv 825.00 S; Core & Main 438.55 S; Criminal Addctn 900.00 T; Crouch 1,397.00 CP; Culligan 584.75 S; Cutting Edge 85.00 S; D&K 235.00 S; D Johnson Trckng 546.23 S; DAS St Acctng 1,663.99 S; C Defreece 150.00 R; Dell 22,312.60 CP; Digital-Ally 42,456.00 S; AJ Divis 422.50 R; Dwny Drllng 28,485.75 CP; DWEE 500.00 S; Eakes 2,101.35 S; Edison Lghtng 927.51 S; Elect Pump 162,715.00 CP; Elect Eng 36.62 S; Electrnc Eng 49.47 S; Elemech 1,500.00 S; Elli Vnarg 107.08 R; Floors by Jake 2,250.40 S; Fort Dental 69.31 R; Forte 3,530.50 S; Frontier 194.43 S; Galls 186.66 S; Gehring Const 124,220.97 CP; Gerhold Cncrt 309.98 S; D Gosch 100.00 R; GPM Ent 12,695.00 S; Grainger 3,042.94 S; Granville 203.67 R; Grt Pln Comm 209.95 S; Grosch Irr 566.54 S; Gunslingers 486.00 S; Guth Lab 1,170.68 S; H & M Elec 300.00 S; Habitat for Hmnty 23.38 R; Hawkins 6,600.32 S; Healthy Blue 766.80 R; Heiman 498.46 S; H Holly 81.11 R; Holiday Inn 144.95 S; Hmtwn Lsng 708.59 S; D Humlicek 149.41 R; R Jablonski 447.30 E; Jackson Serv 3,350.47 S; J Jakub 50.00 R;

John Deere 386.08 S; Jones Auto 711.87 CP; K. Christensen Est 100.00 R; Kelly Sup 478.56 S; Kirkham Michael 22,004.29 CP; J Knapp 639.11 R; J Krumland 109.37 R; Lakeview Sm Eng 233.60 S; LARM 1,104,330.54 I; Lbry Mrkt 1,500.00 S; Lncln Jrnl Str 222.16 S; J Maschino 75.87 R; Matheson-Lnwld 52.38 S; P McCulloch 462.00 S; McMaster-Carr 240.65 S; Menards 2,568.13 S; MARC 1,430.00 S; Mid-State Eng 960.00 CP; Mdwst Ctngs Co 990.00 S; Mdwst Mchn 800.00 S; Mdwst Ptrlm Equip 1,107.00 S; Mdwst Tape 6,311.86 S; Mdwst Turf 2,994.00 S; M. Miller 24.56 R; C Mills 200.00 R; Moms & Mops 250.00 S; Motion Ind 13,139.80 CP; MPH Ind 187.33 S; K Mueller 131.61 R; Mueller Sprnklrs 1,286.56 S; K & S Muhle 130.16 R; Mun Pipe 71.97 S; Mutual of Omaha 98.38 R; NAPA 999.44 S; NE Glf & Trf 6,160.00 S; NE Hrvstr 1,700.00 CP; NE Pub Hlth 1,182.00 S; Norfolk Area Sclptr Wlk 300.00 M; Novicki Fire Prev 1,524.50 S; NWEA 1,165.00 T; Obrist 38,265.00 CP; Occptl Hlth 1,337.00 S; D & D Odgaard 265.00 R; Oliver Pckgng 183.84 S; Olsons 503.00 S; O'Reilly 371.77 S; Overdrive 531.00 S; Pacific Window 289.00 S; Paulsen 7,780.00 CP; Payrollorg 305.00 M; Pete Lien 7,018.28 S; D Pillen 763.00 R; Platte Vlly Humane Soc 21,000.00 P; Prefferred Pipeline 496.80 S; Prestox 146.32 S; Pub Sfty Dive Sup 2,242.50 S; Quadient 1,000.00 S; Quick Med Clms 5,744.48 S; Quill 73.08 S; Readon Lawn 868.37 S; River Vlly Tire 30.00 S; Rvrside Prtbl 110.00 S; R Robak Jr 98.62 R; Rowse Auto 313.90 S; Rutt's 508.09 S; S & S Homes 160.20 R; M Sargent 21.00 E; P & D Schmidt 105.04 R; Scotus 174.00 S; Screed Tech 327,845.15 CP; G Sealock 300.00 S; S Seckel 120.40 E; Security Equip 7,261.32 S; K Senften 3.52 R; Srvcmstr by Shevlin 2,559.00 S; Settje Plmbng 109.00 S; Sherwin Wllms 83.28 S; Shevlin Sup 329.85 S; M Spearman 71.43 R; Speedy Mtls 96.11 S; Stanley Pet 1,956.76; State of NE 50.00 P; State Treasurer 747.86 P; Stryker 213.75 S; Spr Svr 123.95 S; Superior Plant Rntls 4,754.00 S; Sysco 1,357.14 S; Teleflex 550.00 S; T Thalken 98.87 T; The Filter Shp 1,076.97 S; The Lfgrd Store 40.00 S; Tillotson Ent 3,230.00 CP; Tire Outlet 1,651.00 S; Transit Works 119.27 S; Tritech Sftwr 20,038.66 CP; Truck Cntr 1,322.33 S; True Ag 384.26 S; Trfwrks 601.98 S; Tweet's 94.98 S; UPRR 1,091.58 CP; United Hlthcr Ins 836.59 R; UPS 14.39 S; Van Wall 105.82 S; Vndnbrg Elec 309.00 S; T Vasicek 354.20 E; VWR Intrntl 8,370.46 CP; Waste Conn 691.53 S; Watts Elec 198,391.13 CP; Wemhoff Rfg 763.58 S; Wilson & Co 32,387.67 CP; WPS 159.31 R; Z & M Ent 1,458.33; B Zakrzewski 31.00 E; Zimco 8,635.60 S. Total $3,588,811.13

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. Quote from Midwest Turf & Irrigation in the amount of $144,909.16 for 16-foot mower for the airport. CIP #26-13 The quote from Midwest Turf & Irrigation for a 16-foot mower was accepted with a motion by Palensky and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.B. Quote from Midwest Turf and Irrigation in the amount of $114,873.22 for five-deck rough mower for Quail Run Golf Course. CIP #26-08 The quote from Midwest Turf & Irrigation for a five-deck rough mower was accepted wih a motion by Lopez and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.C. Purchase from Stryker in the amount of $78,433.61 after trade-in credit for five LUCAS CPR devices for the fire department. CIP #22-12 The purchase from Stryker for five LUCAS CPR devices was approved with a motion by Lopez and a second by Jablonski. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.D. Purchase from MacQueen Emergency Group in the amount of $940,000 for fire engine and $2,150,000 for ladder truck for the fire department, with funds to be disbursed over two fiscal years. CIP #26-18 & 26-20 Gray explained the desperate need for a new ladder truck as the current one is unreliable, as well as the need to replace the 2002 fire engine at the Charlie Louis Fire Station. He pointed out, that included in the deal, is a trade in of the ladder truck and that MacQueen will refurbish the current fire engine at Charlie Louis Station for the city, ultimately extending the life of the apparatus for 10-15 years. The purchase from MacQueen Emergency Group for a fire engine and ladder truck was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.E. Quotes from Ace Hardware, Ed M. Feld Equipment Co., Inc., Stryker, White Cap, MacQueen, Bomgaars, and Heiman Fire Equipment in the total amount of $188,495.09 for fire apparatus equipment. CIP #26-24 The quotes from Ace Hardware, Ed M. Feld Equipment Co, Inc., Stryker, White Cap, MacQueen, Bomgaars, and Heiman Fire Equipment for fire apparatus equipment were accepted with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.F. Quote from MPH Industries in the amount of $27,736.12 for nine radar systems and two trafficstat systems for the police department. CIP #26-16 Strecker explained that trafficstat systems will provide data needed in determining dates and times when vehicles are traveling at a high rate of speed in a certain area. The data will be used to establish the most essential times for law enforcement to police those areas. The quote from MPH Industries for

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

13.G. **Reallocate $16,100 from CIP #26-19 and purchase from Schieffer Signs, Inc. in the amount of $11,100 for fleet graphics and Idemia in the amount of $5,000 for mobile fingerprint systems for the police department.** Strecker confirmed that in order to provide uniformity throughout the department the decision was made to replace the graphics on all vehicles at the same time. The reallocation of $16,100 from CIP #26-19 and purchases from Schieffer Signs, Inc. for fleet graphics and Idemia for mobile fingerprint systems was approved with a motion by Jablonski and a second by Palensky. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

13.H. **Consideration of support for proposed merger of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.** Bulkley explained that the city was asked by Union Pacific Railroad to convey support of the merger as Columbus is an original town on their main line. He noted that Union Pacific had already received support from multiple entities and individuals including Senator Moser and Senator Fischer and confirmed that David Black, Union Pacific Senior Director of Public Affairs, apologized for being unavailable to attend the meeting. Jablonski expressed his disappointment in Union Pacific’s lack of safety concerns for Columbus residents noting that he cannot not support an entity that does not care to cooperate with Columbus. Support for the merger of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern was approved with a motion by Bahr and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Jablonski voted “Nay”.

13.I. **Comments from mayor and city council members.** Bulkley pointed out that 23rd Street is now open with miscellaneous items to be completed within the next month.

14. **RESOLUTIONS:**

14.A. **Resolution No. R25-127 setting the property tax request at $7,562,660.83.** Resolution No. R25-127 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, SETTING THE 2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AT $7,562,660.83 was adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

14.B. **Resolution No. R25-128 approving Commercial Lease Agreement with Columbus Area Children’s Museum, Inc. for space in the Columbus Community Building for operation of a children’s museum.** Bret Kumpf, 3930 48 Avenue, questioned the dollar amount the city has received thus far from the museum and shared concerns regarding the lack of rental increases in the new five-year agreement and whether the number of memberships would lessen over time lowering the city’s profit. Vasicek explained that rent is based

on utilization and that the city council chose to support a children's museum being located in the building as a quality of life amenity rather than a money maker for the city. Kellie Ceder, Columbus Area Children's Museum Board vice president, stated the museum currently pays a quarterly average of $12,000-$15,000 to the city and that she foresees membership numbers rising instead of decreasing. She pointed out that since opening in February of 2024 they have welcomed over 53,000 people, issued 2500 memberships, welcomed over 2,000 children for field trips, and hosted numerous events. She thanked the council for their continued support pointing out that this is the only children's museum in northeast Nebraska. Ceder stated that the board is passionate and committed to the museum remaining a staple in the community for many years to come by continuing to secure grants and fundraise daily. Resolution No. R25-128 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBUS AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, INC., TO RENT SPACE IN THE COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BUILDING; A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE; 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 Lopez and a second by Palensky. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.C. **Resolution No. R25-129 creating a Micro Tax Increment Financing (Micro-TIF) program for the City of Columbus.** Vasicek explained the Micro-TIF program noting this new process that was set by state legislation a couple years ago provides for smaller projects of owners wanting to update their property to meet minimum code. The process is much less intense and less expensive for the property owner than applying for traditional TIF; however, projects must still take place in blight and substandard areas. She clarified that Nebraska law states a project cannot receive tax increment financing of any kind unless the project absolutely would not happen without it. Vasicek stated that she will be attending the November Downtown Business Improvement District board meeting and the February Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn to provide public education on both TIF and Micro-TIF programs. Resolution No. R25-129 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM FOR THE EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROJECTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-2155 OF THE NEBRASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW was adopted with a motion by Hiemer and a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted "Aye" and none voted "Nay".

14.D. **Resolution No. R25-130 approving Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company for a quiet zone study.** Jablonski stated that he will be voting against this item as he feels a quiet zone will not fix the downtown safety and traffic issues. Bulkley pointed out that he initiated this process after the concept of a

downtown viaduct did not move forward, with the intent of providing a better environment without horns and whistles. Resolution No. R25-130 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, APPROVING THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED AT $50,000, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN; AND 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 Roth and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and Jablonski voted “Nay”.

15. ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

15.A. Ordinance No. 25-15 adopting 2025-2026 Pay Plan. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-15 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 Alarcòn a second by Lopez. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 25-15 was adopted with a motion by Alarcòn a second by Schilling. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

15.B. Ordinance No. 25-16 adopting 2025-2026 Budget. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-16 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND 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 Schilling and a second by Palensky. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 25-16 was adopted with a motion by Schilling and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

15.C. Ordinance No. 25-17 amending Section 133.02 of Chapter 133 of Title XIII of the Columbus City Code regarding concealed weapons to conform with state law. The rules were suspended and Ordinance No. 25-17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA AMENDING SECTION 133.02 OF CHAPTER 133 OF TITLE XIII OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 (COLUMBUS CITY CODE) REGARDING CONCEALED WEAPONS TO CONFORM WITH STATE LAW;

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 Palensky and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”. Ordinance No. 25-17 was adopted with a motion by Palensky and a second by Bahr. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

16. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None

17. ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING:

17.A. Ordinance No. 25-14 amending Section 133.99 of Chapter 133 of Title XIII of the Columbus City Code regarding the penalty for discharge of fireworks in violation of city code. Ordinance No. 25-14 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA AMENDING COLUMBUS CITY CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 24-01) SECTION 133.99 OF CHAPTER 133 OF TITLE XIII, TO AMEND THE CODE REGARDING THE PENALITY FOR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS IN VIOLATION OF CITY CODE; 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 adopted with a motion by Bahr and a second by Palensky. Alarcòn, Bahr, Hiemer, Jablonski, Lopez, Palensky, Roth, and Schilling voted “Aye” and none voted “Nay”.

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

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

20. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Presented and approved this 20th day of October 2025.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
: Shuraya Choat