

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
COLUMBIA CITY, CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET  
CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

## AGENDA ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

### CONVENED:

Mayor Alex Reed called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Alex Reed  
Council President Rob Forman  
Councilor Gordon Thistle  
Councilor Lyle Bluhm

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilor Connie Quick

### ALSO PRESENT:

Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder  
Jerry Bartolomucci, Chief of Police

### ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

## AGENDA ITEM 2 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

## AGENDA ITEM 3 CITIZEN INPUT:

None

## AGENDA ITEM 4 COUNCIL REPORTS:

**4.1 Audit Committee:** Chair Forman reported there was a meeting on September 16 that covered typical business. The committee will be moving to meeting every 6 months on the advice of Kim and the auditors since there are currently no issues. Meetings will be increased if there are any issues found. The next meeting will be on February 10, 2026.

**4.2 Hazard Committee:** Chief Bartolomucci said the next meeting will be in January.

**4.3 Parks Committee:** Chair Bluhm reported that Steve with Conservation Technix reviewed the results of the City-wide survey at the Parks Masterplan advisory committee on October 7. Steve also asked for the committee's input on suggestions Conservation Technix made for each of the different parks using the information from the survey results. One great point he made was, if we are looking at removing a park, you have to figure out what to do with that park and what the cost/benefit would be of getting rid of it. On October 14 there was an Open House to receive feedback from the public on Conservation

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Technix's suggestions from the survey and the advisory committee. Kim added that Steve will now be working on a draft Parks Masterplan from all the input he gathered and should have something together by the end of November or beginning of December. He will take that before the Parks advisory committee and then Council.

4.4 **Streets Committee:** No report.

4.5 **Water & Sewer Committee:** No report.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 5.1 Bills paid with check numbers 35672 through 35719 during the month of September 2025.
- 5.2 Expense vs Budget Report for the month ending September 30, 2025.
- 5.3 Combined balance sheet for the month ending September 30, 2025.
- 5.4 Minutes of the September 18, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- 5.5 Activity Report from the City Administrator for the month of September 2025.
- 5.6 Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent for the month of September 2025.
- 5.7 Activity Report from the Chief of Police for the month of September 2025.
- 5.8 Minutes of the May 6, 2025, Audit Committee Meeting.
- 5.9 Revenue Analysis Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2025.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7.1 **Council Bill No. 25-1013: A Resolution Assessing Abatement Costs, Fees and Accrued Interest as a Lien Against Vacant Land Described as Taxlot 5128-AB-00300, Tax Account Number 14309, Property Located at 2205 Second Street within the City of Columbia City, Oregon, Currently Under the Ownership of Secured Utility Irrevocable Express Trust, Cameron Robert Vanlom Owner as Trustee.**

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (BLUHM), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE COUNCIL BILL NO. 25-1013.

7.2 **Historical Markers from PCC OMIC**

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (FORMAN) TO MAKE A DECISION AT TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING TO DECIDE WHERE TO PLACE THE OMIC METAL HISTORICAL MARKERS.

After extensive discussion and debate, the decision was made to place the sign with the anchor in Havard Park by the Harvard Park sign. The Pixie Park sign will be placed in Pixie Park by the pilings. Lyle will reach out to Vero at PCC to see if there are ongoing plans for future signs to be made by the interns at OMIC.

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

8.1 **City/County Dinner**

Rainier will hold the next City/County dinner on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Lodge. Kim will RSVP for everyone and needs to know by November 6<sup>th</sup> who will be going.

**8.2 City Holiday Dinner**

Tentatively scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> as long as Sunshine Pizza still has that date open and Kim will ask Todd to put together some different food options and prices.

**8.3 Michael Allen Harrison Concert**

Kim reminded everyone that the Michael Allen Harrison tickets go on sale on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and the concert is on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Alex Reed will be the MC.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:**

**9.1** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

APPROVED:

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Alexander Reed  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Karber  
City Administrator/Recorder