

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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  
Councilor Connie Quick

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**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: No Report.

4.2      Hazard Committee: No Report.

4.3      Parks Committee: Kim reported that Conservation Technix should have the draft Parks Masterplan done by the end of November.

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 35720 through 35763 during the month of

October 2025.

- 5.2 Expense vs Budget Report for the month ending October 31, 2025.
- 5.3 Combined balance sheet for the month ending October 31, 2025.
- 5.4 Minutes of the October 16, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- 5.5 Activity Report from the City Administrator for the month of October 2025.
- 5.6 Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent for the month of October 2025.
- 5.7 Activity Report from the Chief of Police for the month of October 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      Ratify OLCC Special Event License Application for Columbia City for the Michael Allen Harrison Concert on December 1, 2025.**

MOVED (QUICK), SECONDED (THISTLE), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY OLCC SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR COLUMBIA CITY FOR THE MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON CONCERT.

**7.2      Permit Application for Structure in Unimproved Right-of-Way as applied for by Song Yichun and Mark Byers of 1810 Front Place.**

Song Yichun and Mark Byers, 1810 Front Place, spoke on their application to keep a fence in the right-of-way. Bud Hickey, 1820 The Strand, and his lawyer Mary Anne Anderson spoke in opposition to keeping the fence in the right-of-way.

MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (FORMAN) TO DENY THE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE STRUCTURE IN THE UNIMPROVED RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**AGENDA ITEM 8      OTHER BUSINESS:**

**8.1      Food Bank Donation Request**

MOVED (BLUHM), SECONDED (FORMAN), AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A \$500 DONATION TO THE FOOD BANK.

**8.2      Grants**

Kim let Council know about two grants received. One was for \$2500 from Walmart for the City's Shop with a Cop program. The second one was for \$4000 from the Oregon Community Foundation and will be used for the City's Centennial celebration next year.

**8.3      Chamber of Commerce Membership**

Kim verified with Council that they would like to continue the City's non-profit membership with the Chamber. Kim will renew for 2026 and apply for the renewal during the Black Friday sale if they have one.

**8.4      Holiday Party**

Kim verified with Todd that we are set for December 20<sup>th</sup> for our Holiday Party. Still working on the menu.

**8.5 Historical Markers**

Mayor Reed talked about the PCC OMIC historical markers project. The markers were made by the summer interns and the name of the student who made them are on the back of the signs. There are three markers in Columbia City - one by the Harvard Park sign, one by the Pixie Park pilings, and one by the Caples Heritage Orchard.

**AGENDA ITEM 9 ADJOURNMENT:**

**9.1** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED:

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Alexander Reed  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Karber  
City Administrator/Recorder