

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 22, 2025

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Eric Frey presided, in person, with the following members absent or present:

Present in person: Melanie Henderson, John Pickett, and Brenda Sullivan

Absent: Mayor Mary Ferdon

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

Jim Hartsook, Director of Technology, requested the Board's approval of and **authorization for the Mayor to sign a Change Order to the Service Agreement with Smithville**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jim Hartsook requested the Board's approval of **an amendment to the agreement with Keeper Security, Inc. (KSI)**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jim Hartsook requested the Board's approval of **an addendum to the agreement with NASPO ValuePoint**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Robin Chavez, Code Enforcement Officer, requested the Board's approval to **take legal action against the owner of property located at 1507 Ruddick, Columbus, IN 47201**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Robin Chavez requested the Board's approval to **vacate, condemn, demolish, and take legal action against the owner of property located at 850 Werner Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Fred Barnett, Code Enforcement Officer, requested the Board's approval to **ratify an emergency action of condemnation and authorize the City to place a lien on property located at 725 Werner Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201 in the amount of \$562.50 for the cost of removing debris**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Paul Smith, Assistant Director of Community Development, requested the Board's approval of the **PY2025 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jackson Sargent, Assistant Director of Human Resources, requested the Board's approval of a **Proposal Agreement for Dietitian Services with Columbus Regional Health Employer Health Partnership (EHP) Clinic**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, requested the Board's approval of a **Stormwater Management Variance for B&K Industrial Park**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of **Special Uses of Right of Ways** as

