

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Mary Ferdon presided, in person, with the following members absent or present:

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

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the September 16, 2025 meeting minutes. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

Fire Chief Andy Lay requested the Board's approval of a **contract with VET Environmental Engineering, LLC for the removal of Underground Storage Tanks at Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 5 in the amount of \$32,681.16**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jim Hartsook, Director of Information Technology, requested the Board's approval of a **Master Services Agreement with Converge Technology Solutions**. 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 a **Customer Care Services Agreement with Converge Technology Solutions**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman, Communications and Events Coordinator, requested the Board's approval of a **contract with Negangard Tent & Party Rental, LLC for tents for Ethnic Expo in the amount of \$26,795.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman requested the Board's approval of a **Change Order to the contract with Negangard Tent & Party Rental, LLC for an outdoor stage for Ethnic Expo in the amount of \$548.00**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris, Engineering Technician, requested the Board's approval of **Special Uses of Right-of-Way** as presented. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris requested the Board's approval of **four (4) community event applications**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Temporary Vendor Permit for Knights of Columbus Council 1414 for Ethnic Expo on October 10-11, 2025**. 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 one (1) abstaining. Mayor Ferdon abstained.

Andrew Beckort, City Engineer, requested the Board's approval of **Task Order No. 25-05 with Strand Associates, Inc. for the Herman Darlage Drive Sidewalk project for a new bus stop in the amount of \$7,600.00**. John Pickett 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 **Change Order #1 for #25-09 SR 46 Shared Use Path Reconstruction in the amount of \$30,435.71**. 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 to **open bids for #25-13 City Hall Accessibility Improvements**. Four (4) bids were received:

<b>All Star Paving, Inc.</b>	<b>\$148,385.00</b>
<b>Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.</b>	<b>\$234,567.00</b>
<b>Dunlap &amp; Company, Inc.</b>	<b>\$249,700.00</b>
<b>Milestone Contractors, L.P.</b>	<b>\$398,100.00</b>

Andrew requested that the bids be taken under advisement. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Bryan Burton, Director of Public Works, requested the Board's approval to **mow the following property:**

**2150 State St.            Owner(s): Columbus Indy Realty, LLC**

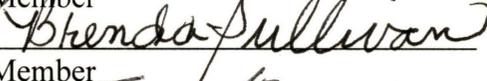
The property owner has been notified by certified mail and given ample time to comply. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Luann Welmer requested the Board's approval of **four (4) dockets of claims**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

John Pickett made a motion for adjournment. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

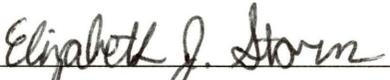
  
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~~Luann Welmer, City Clerk~~  
 Elizabeth J. Storm, Deputy Clerk

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