

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 24, 2026

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 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

Absent at the time of roll call: Eric Frey

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the March 17, 2026, meeting minutes. Brenda Sullivan 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.

*Eric Frey arrived at 10:02 a.m.*

Paul Smith, Assistant Director of Community Development, requested the Board's approval of a **Banner Application for the Our Hospice Concert on September 5, 2026**. 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.

*Mayor Mary Ferdon left at 10:25 a.m. Eric Frey presided over the remainder of the meeting.*

Matt Martindale, Deputy Chief of Police, requested the Board's **authorization to purchase one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor from Community Ford of Bloomington, IN in the amount of \$47,345.25 and for the Chief of Police to sign the agreement**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman, Communications & Events Coordinator, requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Designation Permit for Downtown Abbey, LLC dba St. Denis – Wine, Books, and Wonders**. 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 **Notice to Bidders for #26-05 2026 Asphalt Overlay**. 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 a **Public Improvement Acceptance for Taylor Grove – Section 2 Major Subdivision**. 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 presented. 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 #26-02 Concrete Street Repairs – Everroad Park West**. Six (6) bids were received:

Edward & Jones Concrete, Inc	\$389,600.00
All Star Paving, Inc.	\$411,150.00
Milestone Contractors, L.P.	\$441,240.00
Morphey Construction, Inc.	\$520,500.00
King's Trucking & Excavation, Inc.	\$629,140.00
Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc	\$776,300.00

Andrew requested that the bids be taken under advisement. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to

approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval to **open bids for #CRC-26-01 Riverfront Tree Mitigation**. Two (2) bids were received:

<b>Williams Creek Management</b>	<b>\$ 296,257.87</b>
<b>Milestone Contractors, L.P.</b>	<b>\$1,171,310.00</b>

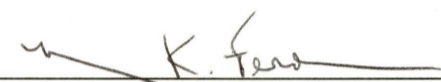
Andrew requested that the bids be taken under advisement. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

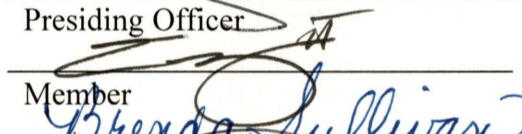
Andrew Beckort publicly **unsealed and opened Requests for Proposals and Qualifications (RFPQs) for the new City of Columbus Animal Care Services Center**. Two (2) proposals were received from Force Construction, Co. and Runnebohm Construction Co., which will be taken under advisement.

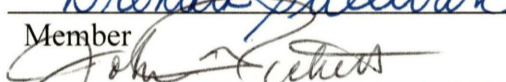
Eric Frey, Executive Director of Administration, requested the Board's approval of **three (3) dockets of claims**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. Melanie Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Alex Whitted, City Attorney, requested the Board's acceptance of a **Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Jacob Martin**. John Pickett 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 10:35 a.m.

  
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 Luann Welmer, City Clerk