

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Board of Public Works & Safety met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Melanie Henderson

Luann Welmer, City Clerk, requested the Board's approval of the August 25, 2026, meeting minutes. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of four (4) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

Paul Smith, Assistant Director of Community Development, requested the Board's approval of a **banner request for Celebration of Columbus Indiana Philharmonic: 40th Season**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Paul Smith requested the Board's approval of a **banner request for Columbus Oktoberfest on September 26**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mike Kutsko, Deputy Fire Chief, requested the Board's approval of **FDO Number: FDO 1-6 Battalion Chief**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mike Kutsko requested the Board's approval of **Proposals for Well Abandonment and Reporting for Columbus Fire Department Station #1 and Station #5**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman, Community Development Specialist, requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Temporary Permit for Pintz Winez & Good Timez LLC for Columbus Pride Festival on September 12, 2026**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Temporary Permit with Firehouse Food Group for Oktoberfest on September 26, 2026**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman requested the Board's approval of a **Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Temporary Permit with Three Fingers Group, LLC, for Oktoberfest on September 26, 2026**. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Jody Coffman requested the Board's approval for **Jake Sipe, Community Development Director, to sign a contract with Negangard Tent & Party Rental for Ethnic Expo in an amount exceeding \$25,000.00**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Ian Shaw, Code Enforcement, requested Board's approval to take **legal action against the property owner of 1150 Terrace Lake Road**. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Aimee Morris, Engineering Technician, requested the Board's approval of **Special Uses of Right-of-Ways** as presented. 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 to award a contract with **Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. for 26-10 Overlay Phase 2 in the amount of \$1,875,854.00.** 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 award a contract with **Walls Excavating, LLC for 26-11 Carr Hall Road Extension in the amount of \$290,305.65.** John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Andrew Beckort requested the Board's approval of **Task Order No. 26-05 with Strand Associates, Inc. for construction observation of Carr Hill Road Extension in the amount of \$35,000.00.** 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 quotes for project **#26-01 Parking Lot 10 Landscape Improvements. Two (2) bids were received:**

Patrick Johnson Landscaping	\$139,000.00
Earth Images, Inc.	\$185,950.00

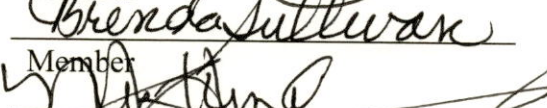
Andrew requested the bids be taken under advisement. John Pickett made a motion to approve the request. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Eric Frey requested the Board's approval of six (6) dockets of claims. Brenda Sullivan made a motion to approve the request. John Pickett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

John Pickett made a motion for adjournment. Brenda Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



Presiding Officer


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Attest: 

Luann Welmer, City Clerk