



Columbus Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Michael Thom, Joe Hammer, Lori Koenig-Frye, Molly Finkler, Sandy Curtis, and Jack Sanderson.

Brook Andler was absent.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Curtis to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Hammer to approve the consent agenda. Motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approval of April 16th, 2026, Utility Commission Minutes
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report
3. Outage Reports

New Business

4. Consider and take action on the recommendations of sewer rate updates for the City of Columbus, Village of Fall River and Town of Elba

Jason Lietha of Ruekert-Mielke provided an overview on the rate study.

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Koenig-Frye to approve the rate study and implement the new rates. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-03 with Ruekert-Mielke related to annual street maintenance.

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Curtis to recommend approval of the Task Order. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports

6. Director's Report Outline

Public Works & Utilities Director Randy Myrum provided the Director's Report.

7. Typical Bill Comparison Summary

8. May 2026 Live Lines

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Finkler, seconded by Hammer. Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.