



# Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Roll Call

Council President Molly Finkler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present included: Mayor Joe Hammer, Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Michael Lawson, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke and Alderperson Ryan Rostad. Alderperson Marcus Meier was excused.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the agenda with the removal of Items #1, and #2 due to lack of official notice. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment** (*Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.*)

None.

## New Business

### 1. Discussion regarding the award of bid for W. School Street Reconstruction to Forest Landscaping & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,755,700:

No action taken.

### 2. Discussion regarding Task Order No. 2026-04 with Ruekert-Mielke for construction-related services for the W. School Street project:

No action taken.

### 3. Discussion on Request for Proposals (RFP) related to Auditing Services:

Finance Director Riddle shared that staff is establishing a best practice of reviewing city contracted services every five years. This, in addition to timeliness issues with the current provider has prompted this request. Administrator Amundson shared that next year Engineering Services should also be reviewed. IT went out for RFP two years' ago. Members agreed to move forward to the April 21, 2026 Common Council meeting.

### 4. Discussion regarding quotes received for Fire Station door repairs:

Chief Hazeltine presented the quotes received for repairing the torsion springs and operator for the Fire Station rear door. Alderperson Lawson asked if there were any concerns with the quotes or the vendors presented. Hazeltine stated that Rod's Doors, LLC does not perform emergency repairs. He is recommending using Peak Garage Doors with a cost of \$9,115. Members agreed to move forward to the April 21, 2026 Common Council meeting.

## **5. Discussion of Lease Agreement for the Community Garden:**

Amundson shared that with the upcoming sale of the Tower Drive Property, the Community Garden will need to be relocated. There is a consensus of thought to move it to a space adjacent to the Butterfly Garden on River Road. Public Works would be available to assist in the relocation. Upon completion of the Tower Drive project, discussion could take place regarding the possibility of moving it back to that area if the community would be interested. During discussion, there was a consensus to add verbiage within the agreement to require clean up of the garden at the end of the season. Members agreed to move forward to the April 21, 2026 Common Council meeting.

## **Adjourn**

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Lawson to adjourn at 6:39pm. Motion carried 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.