



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 05, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Council President Molly Finkler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The following members were present: Council President Molly Finkler, Alderperson Trina Reid, Alderperson Amy Roelke, Alderperson Ryan Rostad, and Alderperson Rhonda Fuller. Mayor Joe Hammer and Alderperson Michael Lawson were excused.

Notice of Open Meeting

Noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alderperson Roelke, Seconded by Alderperson Rostad to approve the agenda. 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.)*

The following residents spoke:

Jake Hartman - 143 N. Water Street - Ordinance 819-26, N. Water Street.

Chris Ducat - 414 W. School Street - Lead Water Line replacement.

Nicole Luey - 121 N. Water Street - Ordinance 819-26, N. Water Street.

Brian Nagle - 551 W. Harrison Street - Chapter 98, regarding e-bikes, e-scooters and similar vehicles.

New Business

1. Discuss additions and changes to Chapter 98 of City Ordinances to include e-bikes, e-scooters and similar vehicles:

Police Chief Dennis Weiner is working on an update to the City's Municipal Code, Chapter 98 - Traffic and Vehicles, to address the addition of e-scooters, e-bikes, etc., and modernize the current language contained in this chapter. He shared several examples from other municipalities and his initial rough draft of changes that may be warranted. Committee members shared their concerns and ideas regarding helmet requirements, and use of these vehicles, especially in the business district. Weiner will develop a draft ordinance and share with our City Attorney with the input received.

2. Discussion regarding Ordinance 819-26 to restrict parking on N. Water Street:

Administrator Amundson shared that Lakeshore Burial Vaults located at 138 N. Water Street has expressed their concerns regarding the ability to back equipment into their site due to on-street parking across from their facility. A draft ordinance was reviewed. Amundson recommended three options to the committee: reduce the length to 60', assign to a City Committee for review, or not

move forward. After a brief discussion, Committee Members agreed to not move this item forward to Common Council.

3. Authorization to fill the vacant Recreation Director position:

Amundson shared the few updates made to the current Recreation Director job description. Staff would like to publish the approved job description on Thursday, August 6, 2026 and keep it open for two weeks.

Committee Members agreed to move forward to the August 5, 2026 Common Council meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderperson Rostad, Seconded by Alderperson Reid to adjourn at 7:08pm. 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.