



CITY OF  
**PICKERINGTON**

**PICKERINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
7:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION BY PASTOR DARRYL BAKER OF CHANGE CITY CHURCH, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS
4. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA **(ONE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM)** All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as a part of the General Orders.
7. REPORTS
  - A. MAYOR
  - B. LAW DIRECTOR
  - C. CITY MANAGER

8. PROCEDURAL READINGS

A. **\*ORDINANCE 2026-09, "AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE 2026-05 TO FACILITATE A STREET NAME CHANGE IN SYCAMORE CREEK SECTION 12 AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER AND VIOLET TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT," Consent Agenda.**

9. LEGISLATIVE READINGS

10. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. MOTIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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**SUBJECT:**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

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**Attachments**

Draft Council Minutes 2026-03-17

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## CITY OF PICKERINGTON

**PICKERINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026  
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
7:30 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION BY PASTOR MICAH RICE OF PICKERINGTON BAPTIST TEMPLE, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mr. Derksen; Mrs. Hicks; Mr. Kemper; Mrs. Rohaly; Mr. Wisniewski; Mayor Gray

Absent: Mr. McCracken; Mrs. Sanders

Others Present: Greg Butcher, Jesse Shamp, Chief Cheney, Heather Moore, Micah Rice

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

**Moved by Mr. Derksen to approve, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**  
Motion carried.

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no council communications.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved by Mr. Kemper to approve, seconded by Mrs. Hicks**

**Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to amend the agenda to add an executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) purchase of real or personal property by the city and to add ordinance 2026-08, an ordinance amending the 2026 appropriation, ordinance 2025-23, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**

Roll call on the motion to amend the agenda

Yes: Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Derksen, Mrs. Rohaly

**5 - 0 Passed**

Roll call on the agenda as amended

Yes: Mr. Derksen, Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks

**5 - 0 Passed**

Mayor Gray added the executive session as agenda item 6A and ordinance 2026-08 as agenda item 8D.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Two items on the consent agenda were read into the record. Ordinance 2026-07, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program and Resolution 2026-03R, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for funding assistance for Recreational Trails.

**Moved by Mr. Kemper to approve, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**

Yes: Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen

**5 - 0 Passed**

A. MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 121.22(G)(2), PURCHASE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY

**Moved by Mr. Derksen to enter into executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2), purchase of real or personal property by the city, seconded by Mr. Kemper**

Yes: Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen

**5 - 0 Passed**

Council went into executive session at 7:34 P.M. and reconvened in open session at 7:56 P.M.

7. REPORTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Gray stated that the monthly Mayor's Court Report had been distributed.

B. LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Shamp stated he had no report but would answer any questions.

C. CITY MANAGER

Mr. Butcher stated he would answer any questions regarding his written report. Mr. Wisniewski asked for additional information regarding the two grant applications that were on the Council agenda. Mr. Butcher provided an overview of recent grant activity, noting approximately \$5 million in funding requests had been submitted. Regarding the Safe Routes to School grant application, Mr. Butcher reviewed three potential routes he had evaluated:

1. Sycamore Creek subdivision to Opportunity Way - Challenged by topography and right-of-way issues,

but still under consideration.

2. State Route 256 from the Olde Village to Melrose subdivision - Existing sidewalks with several gaps that would need to be filled.

3. Long Road from Diley Road to Longview Highlands - Proposed multi-use path filling sidewalk gaps; alignment would be set back from the roadway.

Mr. Butcher stated that the State now prefers multi-use paths for sidewalk projects and that the Long Road option presented the fewest engineering challenges. The estimated project cost was approximately \$1.3 to \$1.4 million, and the City requested \$1 million in Safe Routes to School funding. He noted the project timeline was three to four years out, allowing time to adjust the local share for project scope if necessary.

Mr. Butcher further explained that the Safe Routes to School project would primarily address missing connections in the existing network, acknowledging some complexity in the George's Creek Subdivision and the need for "philosophical adjustments" with the school district regarding crossing Diley Road.

In response to questions about the Center/Milnor/Meadows project, Mr. Butcher stated he had changed his approach due to opportunities with Congressional Directed Spending. He submitted a request for \$2.8 million to both Senator Moreno's office and Representative Balderson's office and expressed confidence that some level of funding would be awarded.

On the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant, Mr. Butcher confirmed that some funding for the multi-use path had already been budgeted, but the grant represented an opportunity to shift more of the costs to an 80/20 split rather than being fully locally funded. He stated ODNR awards were expected to be announced mid-year, after the close of the current budget year, and that the timing should not delay the project.

In response to a question about the Diley Middle School conversion to a kindergarten building, Mr. Butcher stated he did not anticipate any new City responsibility arising from that change. He noted that the school district plans to connect a subdivision access at the north side of the school for bus-only traffic, with a gated access similar to the junior high configuration, intended to relieve congestion on Preston Trails Drive and reduce conflicts with parent drop-off and pick-up. Mr. Butcher indicated that adjacent and nearby residents had been directly notified of the proposal, and that no initial feedback had been received following the notification.

## 8. PROCEDURAL READINGS

- A. ORDINANCE 2026-06, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION, ORDINANCE 2025-23," **First Reading**, Finance Committee.

The ordinance title was read into the record.

**Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to waive the requirements in Charter Section 2.05(C) that the ordinance be read on three separate meeting days, seconded by Mr. Derksen**

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Derksen, Mrs. Rohaly  
**5 - 0 Passed**

### **Final Reading**

**Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt, seconded by Mr. Derksen**

Yes: Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Derksen, Mr. Kemper  
**5 - 0 Passed**

- B. **\*ORDINANCE 2026-07, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM," Consent Agenda.**

**Moved by Mr. Kemper to approve, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**

Yes: Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen

**5 - 0 Passed**

- C. **\*RESOLUTION 2026-03R, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS," Consent Agenda.**

**Moved by Mr. Kemper, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**

Yes: Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Rohaly, Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen

**5 - 0 Passed**

- D. ORDINANCE 2026-08, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION, ORDINANCE 2025-23," **First Reading**, Mayor Gray

The ordinance title was read into the record.

**Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to waive the requirements in Charter Section 2.05(C) that the ordinance be read on three separate meeting days, seconded by Mr. Kemper**

Yes: Mr. Kemper, Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Derksen, Mrs. Rohaly

**5 - 0 Passed**

**Final Reading**

**Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly**

Yes: Mrs. Rohaly, Mrs. Hicks, Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Derksen

**5 - 0 Passed**

9. LEGISLATIVE READINGS

There were no legislative readings.

10. REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

There were no referrals to committee.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

12. MOTIONS

There were no motions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Mr. Kemper to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski**  
Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:06 P.M., March 17, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Heather Moore, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Lee A. Gray, Mayor

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**SUBJECT:**

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**Attachments**

Ordinance 2026-09

# RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2026-09

Passed

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**AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE 2026-05 TO FACILITATE A STREET NAME CHANGE IN SYCAMORE CREEK SECTION 12 AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER AND VIOLET TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code § 723.04 permits the legislative authority of a municipal corporation to change the name of a street upon petition by a person owning property in the city for good cause shown; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received a petition from Tamarack Land-Sycamore Creek, LLC, the record of owner for Sycamore Creek Section 12, attached hereto as Exhibit A, seeking a name change based on a conflicting street which falls under the jurisdiction of the Violet Township Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted Ordinance 2026-05 on March 3, 2026 which referenced a replat while such replat is not necessary to filing the street name change; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to replace Ordinance 2026-05 with this legislation to avoid the added cost of an unnecessary replat; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that the name change is not detrimental to the general interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICKERINGTON, FAIRFIELD-FRANKLIN COUNTIES, OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS CONCURRING:**

**Section 1.** That the street currently named "Madison Place" within Sycamore Creek Section 12 shall be renamed to "Broadleaf Circle" and that the City Manager shall cause this ordinance to be filed with the County Recorder.

**Section 2.** That this Ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date provided by law.

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee A. Gray, Mayor

DATE OF APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Moore, City Clerk

SPONSOR: **CONSENT AGENDA**

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGALITY OF PURPOSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip K. Hartmann, Law Director

# Exhibit A



## TAMARACK LAND DEVELOPMENT

712 Vista Blvd #303, Waconia MN 55387 ♦ 612.584.1296 ♦ tamarackland.com

February 19, 2026

Clement Chukwu  
City of Pickerington  
Planning and Zoning Director

Jesse Shamp  
FBT Gibbons

RE: Sycamore Creek Section 12 Final Plat Street Name Change

Clement and Jesse

Tamarack Land- Sycamore Creek, LLC requests a change in the street name from Madison Place to Broadleaf Circle. This request is being made since Madison Place is already used in a different development.

Please work with our Engineer, Chad Buckley with E.P.Ferris and Associates, who will update the plat once the name change is approved.

If there is any questions, please call me at 612.599.1219 or email [Dan.Willenbring@Tamarackland.com](mailto:Dan.Willenbring@Tamarackland.com)

Sincerely

Daniel J. Willenbring  
SVP Midwest  
Authorized Representative  
Tamarack Land- Sycamore Creek, LLC