



CITY OF
PICKERINGTON

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS
4. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 - A. Planning Director's Report
 1. Building Department Report
 2. Planning and Zoning Representative Report (Mr. McCracken)
 3. Action Items:
5. SERVICE DEPARTMENT
 - A. Service Director's Report
6. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 - A. City Engineer's Report
7. 2026 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

A. Olde Pickerington

1. East Columbus Street/North Center Street intersection improvements
2. Old Solomon's building renovations
3. Design work for Milnor/Center/Meadows Intersection
4. East Street Reconstruction
5. Olde Village Streetscape Improvements

B. Sidewalks

1. Lockville Road Safe Routes to School
2. SRTS 2026 Application - Long Road
3. Multi-use/Sidewalk on Hill Road
4. Signaled crosswalk at City Hall

C. Parks

1. Covered Bridge Improvements
2. Sycamore Park Pond Restoration
3. 0.75 mile walking path off Diley

D. Water/Sewer

1. Water interconnect to Columbus water
2. Water Plant Capacity Plan/Improvement

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5. Sludge Holding Area Roof

E. Other

1. Annual street repaving
2. New Police Department training/storage facility
3. City wide beautification projects

8. CHAIRMAN

A. Sidewalk addition prioritization

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

Draft Service Minutes 2026-04-22

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.**

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Present: Mr. Wisniewski; Mr. McCracken; Mrs. Sanders

Absent: Mrs. Rohaly

Others Mayor Gray; Nick Derksen; Crystal Hicks; Greg Butcher; Clem Chukwu; Don
Present: Rector; Heather Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mrs. Sanders to approve, seconded by Mr. McCracken

Yes: Mrs. Sanders, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Wisniewski

3 - 0 Passed

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A. Planning Director's Report

Mr. Chukwu stated he would answer any questions regarding his written report. There were no questions or discussion.

1. Building Department Report

Mr. Wisniewski inquired about a new commercial permit referenced on the building report. Mr. Chukwu stated it was likely for Sheetz.

2. Planning and Zoning Representative Report (Mr. McCracken)

Mr. McCracken reported that two items were on the April 14th Planning and Zoning Commission agenda: an amendment to a final plat for an outparcel lot split at Pickerington Square (Giant Eagle) and a certificate of appropriateness for site plan, architecture, landscaping and lighting for Midwest Shooting Center; both were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Wisniewski inquired about prior code concerns for Midwest Shooting Center. Mr. Chukwu confirmed that the plans were brought into compliance with no waivers requested, noting only a standard condition regarding screening of mechanical equipment.

Mr. Wisniewski asked about Midwest Shooting Center's project timeline. Mr. Chukwu stated the next step is engineering review, following by submission to the Building Department, after which construction may commence.

Discussion followed regarding the multi-tenant sign at the entrance to Winderly Lane. Mr. Wisniewski expressed concerns about its appearance. Mr. Chukwu stated the sign is owned by Cracker Barrel. Mr. Butcher noted that prior attempts to reach out about the sign were unsuccessful. Mayor Gray added that the sign may be grandfathered under older code or zoning provisions. Mr. Chukwu indicated that future tenant updates may provide an opportunity to address compliance.

Mr. McCracken commented positively on the shooting range design. Mr. Wisniewski noted public concerns and expressed confidence in safety.

Mr. Wisniewski asked about development at the Giant Eagle lot split. Mr. McCracken stated Jagers is proposed. Mr. Chukwu stated that only the lot split has been approved; the project will next require a certificate of appropriateness, anticipated for the Planning and Zoning agenda in June. He noted prior site layout and drive-thru concerns, including denial of a proposed retaining wall along State Route 256, have been addressed and current plans meet design standards.

3. Action Items:

- a. Review and request for a motion to approve a draft ordinance approving an amendment to the final plat for Pickerington Square (Giant Eagle), located at 839-873 Hill Road North

Moved by Mrs. Sanders to approve and forward to Council, seconded by Mr. McCracken

Yes: Mr. McCracken, Mr. Wisniewski, Mrs. Sanders

3 - 0 Passed

5. SERVICE DEPARTMENT

A. Service Director's Report

Mr. Rector reported that paving of the Local Cantina parking lot was completed, with striping and final improvements (lighting, parking blocks) forthcoming. The lot is expected to reopen by Friday following a week-long closure. He noted the alley was widened to the maximum extent possible, with additional improvements anticipated upon relocation of a utility pole. Adjustments to parking layout will allow for improved traffic flow, and no drainage issues to the parking lot were observed following recent rainfall.

Mrs. Sanders inquired about ongoing work near the Heritage District Office. Mr. Rector explained that

a gas line is being relocated in preparation for the East Street project. He noted the contractor has been accommodating, coordinating work around school and traffic schedules, though construction impacts will continue until project completion.

Discussion followed regarding parking capacity at the Local Cantina site. Mr. Rector stated the final layout is expected to include approximately 52 to 54 parking spaces, including designated handicapped parking.

Mr. Rector noted that public parking signage directing visitors to additional spaces at the Farmers Market has already been installed. He acknowledged increased downtown activity and traffic, stating that while congestion occurs at times, overall traffic flow remains manageable.

Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Rector discussed ongoing infrastructure projects, with Mr. Rector reporting the interconnect design is approximately 80 percent complete pending coordination with Columbus, and water engineering at approximately 50 percent.

In response to an inquiry, Mr. Rector explained that "rip rap" consists of large stones used to dissipate water flow and prevent erosion. He noted recent in-house maintenance at Shawnee Hills to address drainage issues and restore culvert conditions.

6. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. City Engineer's Report

Mr. Butcher stated he would answer any questions regarding Mr. Weber's written report.

Mr. Wisniewski inquired about the Reserve at Pickerington Ponds plan review, specifically access to Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Butcher confirmed an existing entrance on the west side of the development connecting to Schoolhouse Road, noting it has always been part of the plan and was constructed recently as development progressed. He clarified that Schoolhouse Road is maintained by Violet Township.

Mr. Wisniewski asked about access to Wright Road. Mr. Butcher stated Wright Road falls under the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. Mr. Wisniewski questioned why access from a subdivision near Diley and Wright Roads remains restricted forcing traffic on to Diley Road. Mr. Butcher indicated the restriction likely stems from prior County decisions. Mr. Rector and Mr. Butcher agreed the matter may warrant further review, acknowledging there may be a historical reason for the closure. Mr. Butcher directed Mr. Chukwu to review the original development plans for the Sheffield subdivision and the Wright Road connections.

Mr. Wisniewski noted that construction observation has been ongoing for the Villages at Sycamore Creek and inquired about the OhioHealth Emergency Department expansion. Mr. Rector stated work at the OhioHealth site is currently limited to parking lot improvements.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Wisniewski stated that this item could be removed from the agenda.

8. BUSINESS RETENTION

Mr. Wisniewski stated that this item could be removed from the agenda.

9. 2026 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

A. Olde Pickerington

1. East Columbus Street/North Center Street intersection improvements

Mr. Wisniewski asked if there is a plan to improve traffic flow. Mr. Butcher indicated that conceptual options are being considered, including modifications to on-street parking to improve turning movements and increase vehicle stacking capacity, particularly near the former Cultivate building. He noted that removal of some parking spaces may be necessary, though such changes may be sensitive.

Mayor Gray stated that adjustments to on-street parking may be required to improve traffic flow. Mr. Wisniewski agreed that difficult decisions may be necessary to address the congestion.

Mr. Butcher advised that a preliminary concept plan and cost estimate have been developed, noting that costs may increase due to the complexity of underground utilities, including water lines, lighting, and traffic signals within the corridor.

Mr. Wisniewski inquired about potential improvements to Church Street as a part of a broader traffic circulation concept. Mr. Rector stated that reconstruction of that roadway has not been prioritized due to low traffic volumes. Mayor Gray added that other projects may provide a better use of resources.

Mr. Butcher confirmed that a formal concept plan will be presented to committee. Mr. Wisniewski expressed support for pursuing necessary improvements, citing observed congestion. Additional comments noted significant traffic delays in the area during peak times.

2. Old Solomon's building renovations

Mr. Butcher reported that the project is in the preparatory stages, noting that staff met with the developers recently and that work is expected to begin soon.

3. Parking Lot addition behind FiiZ/Local Cantina

Mr. Wisniewski stated that this item could be removed from the agenda.

4. Design work for Milnor/Center/Meadows Intersection

Mr. Butcher stated this project is part of a congressional directed spending earmark submitted to Senator Moreno and Representative Balderson.

5. East Street Reconstruction

Mr. Butcher reported that the contract has been awarded and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for May 7th.

Mr. Wisniewski inquired about communication with affected residents. Mr. Rector stated that he and Mr. Weber met directly with a resident regarding a fence relocation. He reported the meeting was positive and the resident agreed to the proposed solution. Mr. Rector noted that, due to the project being bid through ODOT, the fence relocation will be completed by the City.

6. Olde Village Streetscape Improvements

Mr. Butcher stated that some activity is expected on the project during the summer.

B. Sidewalks

1. Lockville Road Safe Routes to School

Mr. Butcher stated that final plan details are still being completed, noting minor delays related to coordination with Columbia Gas. He stated that the project is nearing readiness, with anticipated activity beginning this year, though some work may extend into 2027.

2. SRTS 2026 Application

Mr. Wisniewski requested the Clerk to update the agenda item to "SRTS 2026 Application - Long Road." Mr. Butcher stated that the application has been submitted for Long Road and award notifications are anticipated in July.

3. Multi-use/Sidewalk on Hill Road

Mr. Butcher stated the item is still under review and indicated that he will attempt to provide an update at the next meeting.

C. Parks

1. Covered Bridge Improvements

Mr. Butcher reported that the Covered Bridge project remains in the design phase and is being funded with existing grant dollars.

2. Sycamore Park Pond Restoration

Mr. Butcher reported that the Sycamore Park Pond Restoration remains in the design phase and is being funded with existing grant dollars.

3. 0.75 mile walking path off Diley

Mr. Butcher reported that an ODNR grant application for the walking path off Diley Road was submitted approximately one month ago. He noted that a decision is expected later this year.

D. Water/Sewer

1. Water interconnect to Columbus water

Mr. Wisniewski stated items D1 through D4 have already been discussed.

2. Water Plant Capacity Plan/Improvement

3. Sewer line projects
4. Sewer plant improvements
5. Sludge Holding Area Roof

Mr. Rector stated that the project has not progressed to date and noted the need to refocus efforts before moving forward.

E. Other

1. Annual street repaving

Mr. Butcher stated that this item is currently out for bid.

2. New Police Department training/storage facility

Mr. Wisniewski stated that the Police Department training/storage facility is currently under construction.

3. City wide beautification projects

Mr. Wisniewski clarified that this item would be accommodated into the project schedule.

10. CHAIRMAN

A. Sidewalk addition prioritization

Mr. Wisniewski stated this item would be saved for future discussion.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. McCracken to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wisniewski
Motion carried.

The Service Committee adjourned at 7:28 P.M., April 22, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Heather Moore, City Clerk