



CITY OF
PICKERINGTON

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026**

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

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
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 - A. Planning Director's Report
 1. Building Department Report
 2. Planning and Zoning Representative Report (Mr. McCracken)
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 - A. Service Director's Report
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 - A. City Engineer's Report
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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

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2. SRTS 2026 Application - Long Road
3. Multi-use/Sidewalk on Hill Road
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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

B. Middle School crosswalk and school zone lines before school starts

C. Do NOT block intersection signage at Center and Church

D. No thru traffic signage at Alley behind FiiZ/Local Cantina

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT:

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Attachments

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

Absent: Mr. McCracken

Others Present: Mayor Gray; Kevin Kemper; Greg Butcher; Don Rector; Heather Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Mrs. Sanders to approve, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly

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

3 - 0 Passed

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A. Planning Director's Report

Mr. Butcher stated he would answer any questions related to the Planning or Building Departments.

1. Building Department Report

Mr. Wisniewski noted that the commercial line item valuation of construction had increased significantly year-over-year to \$37,000,000. Mr. Kemper asked whether the increase included the OhioHealth and OrthoOne projects, and Mr. Butcher confirmed that it did.

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

Mr. Wisniewski stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for May was canceled for a lack of agenda items.

3. Action Items:

There were no action items.

5. SERVICE DEPARTMENT

A. Service Director's Report

Mr. Rector reported the pool was prepared and operational for the holiday weekend and thanked staff for their efforts. He also reported the City is transitioning traffic signal maintenance services due to MP Dory discontinuing its signal maintenance operations. Once a vendor is selected, our annual signal testing will be accelerated to establish a baseline for the system. Mr. Rector further reported that the State Route 256 signal equipment/software update project remains in development with ODOT and is currently scheduled for bid and installation in 2027. The project area extends from Livingston Avenue in Reynoldsburg to Diley Road, excluding the downtown traffic signal system. He noted the City's anticipated cost participation is expected to be minimal.

6. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. City Engineer's Report

Mr. Wisniewski asked whether the plan review for Midwest Shooting Center would require returning to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Butcher stated the current review primarily concerns site work, and that the architectural design, building aesthetics, setbacks, and zoning requirements had already been addressed. Mr. Kemper clarified that the facility would be an indoor range only.

7. 2026 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

A. Olde Pickerington

1. East Columbus Street/North Center Street intersection improvements

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Rector reviewed potential traffic improvements at the Center Street and Columbus Street intersection. Two options were discussed: removing three parking spaces on the west side of North Center Street near the former Cultivate building to improve southbound turning movements or installing Wavetronix radar-based traffic detection equipment to improve signal timing efficiency. Mr. Rector explained the Wavetronix system could improve traffic flow by adjusting signal timing based on vehicle queues but would not fully address pedestrian-related delays and was an estimated cost of \$60,000. Mayor Gray stated that removing the parking spaces would effectively address the issue because parked vehicles currently prevent traffic from forming a turn lane. Mr. Wisniewski expressed support for the proposal to remove the parking spaces and suggested Council authorize the change immediately. Mayor Gray stated that because the work only involved restriping and could be handled administratively within the existing budget, no ordinance would be necessary if the committee supported the change.

Moved by Mr. Wisniewski to remove the three parking spaces in front of the old Cultivate

building on North Center Street to allow better turning of traffic onto Columbus Street heading west, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly

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

3 - 0 Passed

Discussion continued regarding other traffic concerns at the intersection, particularly eastbound Columbus Street traffic turning north onto Center Street. Mr. Butcher stated staff continued to evaluate possible solutions but noted underground utilities and other factors would make modifications more difficult than they might initially appear.

Mr. Butcher stated several factors are contributing to congestion, including increased pedestrian activity and the success of downtown revitalization efforts, which have generated additional vehicle traffic and parking demand. He stated the approved change to the Center Street turning movement represented the most practical immediate improvement. He added that additional traffic patterns may change once the East Street project is completed and drivers begin utilizing alternate routes such as Borland Street, East Street, Cross Street, and Park Alley.

Mayor Gray commented that congestion is generally concentrated during peak evening periods, although Mr. Wisniewski noted that significant backups had also occurred on Saturdays.

Mr. Wisniewski asked whether signal timing could be modified to separate eastbound and westbound movements on Columbus Street in order to eliminate turning conflicts. Mr. Rector stated staff had extensively reviewed that possibility but cautioned that adding protected turn phases would lengthen overall signal cycles and likely increase vehicle stacking on other approaches. He stated more detailed traffic studies and modeling would be necessary before considering such changes.

Mr. Wisniewski requested that the owner of the former Cultivate building be notified about the parking space removal. Mr. Butcher confirmed staff would notify the owner.

2. Old Solomon's building renovations

Discussion occurred regarding ongoing redevelopment plans that had generated community discussion on social media. Mr. Butcher clarified that the proposed project is not an extension of Local Cantina and noted inaccurate information had circulated online. Mayor Gray described proposed design features for the building, including a four-seasons-style glass enclosure with retractable elements and an elevated rooftop lounge area with potential fire pit features. He stated the redesign would preserve the existing streetscape appearance while creating a more prominent and functional gathering space.

3. Design work for Milnor/Center/Meadows Intersection

Mr. Butcher reported there was no update regarding the congressionally directed spending request but stated discussion to date had been positive. He indicated a final determination is expected by the end of the year. Mr. Butcher also confirmed the City continues to evaluate two preferred alternatives related to the potential project.

4. East Street Reconstruction

Mr. Butcher reported utility work remains ongoing and stated the general contractor is expected to begin work June 1st, resulting in increased construction activity. Mr. Rector advised East Street will experience significant disruption during construction due to the installation of a drainage structure approximately 13 feet below the roadway. Discussion followed regarding the construction timeline, with staff noting work sequencing would account for school traffic needs, although project completion is currently anticipated by the end of the year.

5. Olde Village Streetscape Improvements

Mr. Butcher reported materials have been delivered for the brick reset project and stated staff will complete the work in-house. He noted the current plan is to reset the existing bricks rather than replace the area with stamped concrete.

B. Sidewalks

1. Lockville Road Safe Routes to School

Mr. Butcher reported the project is expected to bid in July, with construction anticipated to begin in August. He stated the work is projected to take approximately one month.

2. SRTS 2026 Application - Long Road

Mr. Butcher reported that the grant application has been submitted, and award notifications are anticipated in June.

3. Multi-use/Sidewalk on Hill Road

Mr. Butcher stated he did not have an update.

4. Signaled crosswalk at City Hall

Mr. Butcher stated that he and Mr. Rector had obtained quotes for equipment and were reviewing them.

C. Parks

1. Covered Bridge Improvements

Mr. Butcher stated that bids were anticipated in June.

2. Sycamore Park Pond Restoration

Mr. Butcher stated the design was complete, and the project would move into the next phase.

3. 0.75 mile walking path off Diley

Mr. Butcher stated the walking path remained in the design phase and that a grant application was pending with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, with notification expected in July.

D. Water/Sewer

1. Water interconnect to Columbus water

Mr. Butcher stated the project was currently in the design phase.

2. Water Plant Capacity Plan/Improvement

Mr. Butcher stated the upgrades were in the design phase and progressing well, noting that the project was extremely complicated.

3. Sewer line projects

Mr. Butcher stated the trunk line project in the Preston Trails Park area had been lined, with restoration work remaining.

4. Sewer plant improvements

There were no comments or questions.

5. Sludge Holding Area Roof

Mr. Butcher stated that a contract for the project should be finalized soon.

E. Other

1. Annual street repaving

Mr. Butcher reported the project bids were received below the engineer's estimate and stated the contract is expected to be awarded soon. At the request of Mr. Wisniewski, Mr. Butcher agreed to distribute a list of the streets included in the project to Council members.

2. New Police Department training/storage facility

Mr. Butcher stated the project was ongoing. Mr. Wisniewski asked about the anticipated timeline for completion. Mr. Butcher estimated completion in the fall.

3. City wide beautification projects

Mr. Butcher reported the City is pursuing landscaping and beautification improvements in several public spaces, including upgrades at the State Route 256 entrance near the champions sign, the roundabout near the police station, and areas within the downtown Elevate District.

Council members expressed appreciation for the volume of ongoing projects and staff efforts.

8. CHAIRMAN

A. Sidewalk addition prioritization

There was no discussion.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion occurred regarding potential interim uses for the former church property and associated parking area. Mr. Wisniewski suggested temporarily striping the gravel lot for overflow parking. Mayor Gray advised caution in establishing long-term parking patterns before future redevelopment plans are determined, though he acknowledged temporary use for special events may be appropriate. Staff noted the lot can be maintained, striped, and secured as needed, and the City will continue evaluating temporary uses for the property until long-term plans are established.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Sanders to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly
Motion carried.

The Service Committee adjourned at 7:39 P.M., May 20, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Heather Moore, City Clerk