



CITY OF
PICKERINGTON

**SERVICE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, 100 LOCKVILLE ROAD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026**

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

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING
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4. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 - 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
7. 2026 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

A. Olde Pickerington

1. East Columbus Street/North Center Street intersection improvements
2. Design work for Milnor/Center/Meadows Intersection
3. East Street Reconstruction
4. 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
3. Sewer line projects
4. Sewer plant improvements

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

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SUBJECT:

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Attachments

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Mr. Wisniewski called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

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

Absent: Mrs. Sanders

Others Mayor Gray, Kevin Kemper, Greg Butcher, Clem Chukwu, Don Rector, Heather
Present: Moore

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

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

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

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3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no community comments.

4. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A. Planning Director's Report

Mr. Chukwu answered questions regarding his written report. Discussion included increased single-family residential permits, progress on the 8185 Pickerington Road development, and updates on several commercial projects. Mr. Chukwu reported the shooting range continues to move forward, but no construction start date has been announced. Meijer remains scheduled to begin construction in 2027, and Gerber Collision has not yet broken ground.

The committee also discussed signage compliance. Mr. Chukwu confirmed the new Steak 'n Shake signage complies with code and reported he continues to work with the business to address exterior lighting fixtures. Staff also confirmed the City enforces property maintenance standards for

deteriorating signage and follows up with property owners as needed.

1. Building Department Report

There was no discussion.

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

Mr. McCracken reported that there was no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in July.

3. Action Items:

There were no action items.

5. SERVICE DEPARTMENT

A. Service Director's Report

Mr. Rector answered questions regarding his written report. Staff reported Diley Road remains in good condition, with crack sealing planned this year and resurfacing potentially anticipated in 2028 or 2029. The committee thanked staff for their work on the Fourth of July celebration. Staff reported the annual neighborhood crack sealing program will continue and agreed to review areas identified by Council members for potential maintenance. Staff also provided an update on the State Route 256 signal project, noting the design is substantially complete and construction remains scheduled for 2027. Staff also discussed the planned adaptive signal technology, which will coordinate intersections and dynamically adjust signal timing to improve traffic flow while maintaining emergency vehicle preemption.

6. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A. City Engineer's Report

There was no discussion regarding Mr. Weber's written report.

7. 2026 MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATES

A. Olde Pickerington

1. East Columbus Street/North Center Street intersection improvements

Mr. Wisniewski asked if the traffic signal improvements at East Columbus Street and North Center Street could be completed this year. Mr. Rector stated he believed the work could be completed this year and would review the project quotes and provide an update at the next meeting. He also reported that removing the parking spaces has resulted in a marginal improvement in traffic flow.

2. Old Solomon's building renovations

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

3. Design work for Milnor/Center/Meadows Intersection

Mr. Butcher reported that the City is awaiting notice on congressional directed spending through Congressman Balderson's office, expected by the end of the year, and has received positive preliminary feedback. He also stated that the City plans to submit another ODOT Safety grant application next month.

4. East Street Reconstruction

Mr. Butcher reported that the East Street Reconstruction project is progressing without major issues. He stated that the primary challenge continues to be delays in obtaining drainage structures and catch basins due to material supply shortages. He noted that the project will temporarily impact Heritage Elementary traffic, but the City is coordinating with the school to minimize disruptions.

5. Olde Village Streetscape Improvements

Mr. Butcher reported that the Olde Village Streetscape project is progressing. He stated that new trash receptacles and benches have been ordered, and staff has begun brickwork as part of the improvements.

B. Sidewalks

1. Lockville Road Safe Routes to School

Mr. Butcher reported that the project is scheduled for bid on August 6, 2026, with several bidders expected. He stated that construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of December 2026.

2. SRTS 2026 Application - Long Road

Mr. Butcher reported that the City has not yet received a response from ODOT regarding the submitted grant application, noting that notifications are typically received in June or July.

3. Multi-use/Sidewalk on Hill Road

Mr. Butcher reported that the cost estimate has been finalized for the roadway segment from Drug Mart to Town Square Drive. He stated that the project is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000,000.

4. Signaled crosswalk at City Hall

Mr. Butcher reported that equipment quotes had been received. Staff is evaluating the design due to the south-to-north downhill grade, access to Sycamore Creek, and the location of the path in relation to the crosswalk to ensure the appropriate improvements are selected before moving forward.

C. Parks

1. Covered Bridge Improvements

Mr. Wisniewski asked whether the covered bridge project would be completed this year. Mr. Butcher confirmed that it is expected to move forward this year, stating that the City has identified the low bidder and is finalizing the contract before construction begins.

2. Sycamore Park Pond Restoration

Mr. Butcher reported that the pond restoration project's design is nearing completion and is expected to bid later this year. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2027.

3. 0.75 mile walking path off Diley

Mr. Butcher reported that the City has applied for an ODNR grant for the Postage Park walking path and is awaiting a response. He stated that the parallel path design is nearing completion, allowing the City to decide whether to proceed with construction or wait for potential grant funding. The grant request was estimated at approximately \$500,000 to \$600,000.

D. Water/Sewer

1. Water interconnect to Columbus water

Mr. Rector stated that the required EPA permits to install (PTIs) are being prepared and must be approved before the project can be bid. He noted that the City is awaiting final input from Columbus engineering regarding minor design details and anticipates the project could be ready for bidding later this year.

Mr. Rector explained that the interconnect would provide emergency water supply flexibility, primarily benefiting the City, while also allowing assistance to Columbus if needed. He stated that the connection could reduce the City's reliance on Fairfield County, noting that Fairfield County's available capacity is limited during extended demand periods.

2. Water Plant Capacity Plan/Improvement

Mr. Rector stated that current water levels are stable but below the desired range, with the plant operating near maximum capacity. He noted that water hardness has increased slightly as the plant has adjusted treatment processes to maximize production.

Mr. Rector stated that increased rainfall would help, but peak demand during hot weather continues to challenge capacity. He noted that the City is continuing to advance the Water Plant expansion plan, with bidding anticipated in 2027. He also cautioned that construction may require an extended schedule due to long lead times for critical equipment and components.

3. Sewer line projects

There was no discussion.

4. Sewer plant improvements

Mr. Butcher reported that both this project and the sludge holding area roof replacement are scheduled for completion in 2026. He noted that staff had temporarily been reassigned to other City priorities but has since returned to water and sewer operations, allowing work on both projects to move forward.

5. Sludge Holding Area Roof

See sewer plant improvements for an update.

E. Other

1. Annual street repaving

Mr. Butcher reported that the project will mobilize this month, with concrete repair work beginning first.

2. New Police Department training/storage facility

Mr. Butcher reported that the project is progressing with the building now enclosed and the siding and roof installed. He stated that a completion date is not yet available but will continue to provide updates as work advances.

3. City wide beautification projects

Mr. Butcher stated that fresh landscaping has been installed at the State Route 256/State Route 204 intersection near the champion signage. He stated that the contractor still has some watering and maintenance to complete.

8. CHAIRMAN

A. Sidewalk addition prioritization

Mr. Wisniewski stated that there was nothing new to report.

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

Mr. Wisniewski clarified that a constituent's concern likely related to the junior high school rather than the middle school. Mr. Butcher confirmed that the planned improvements would be completed as part of the upcoming sidewalk project. Mr. Wisniewski asked the clerk to remove this item from the agenda.

C. Do NOT block intersection signage at Center and Church

Mr. Wisniewski asked about vehicles blocking the intersection at Center and Church Streets. Mr. Rector explained that the nearby railroad crossing creates unique safety concerns, noting that additional signage could cause drivers to stop abruptly and potentially leave vehicles stranded on the railroad tracks. Staff discussed possible alternatives, including pavement markings, but concluded that each option presented limitations. Mr. Wisniewski instructed the clerk to remove this item from the agenda.

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

Mr. Wisniewski instructed the clerk to remove this item from the agenda, expressing doubt that the proposed measure would be effective. Mayor Gray suggested evaluating the possibility of widening the alley. Mr. Butcher confirmed that doing so would require relocating the existing utility pole.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Service Committee discussed pedestrian safety in the downtown area, particularly the need for a safer crossing between the Chamber of Commerce and the Local Cantina/Combustion Brewery area. Staff agreed to evaluate the feasibility of adding a crosswalk and noted that relocating a utility pole and widening the adjacent alley could improve pedestrian access.

The Service Committee also discussed improving pedestrian safety in the Farmers Market parking lot by better identifying sidewalk areas for both pedestrians and motorists. Staff indicated the concern would be included in an ongoing parking lot and path assessment and maintenance program that will help prioritize future improvements.

Members of the Service Committee discussed downtown parking utilization and compared parking availability with other communities, noting that existing public parking lots, particularly the Local Cantina lot, receive significant daily use.

Mayor Gray and members of the Service Committee expressed concerns regarding unauthorized commercial vendors operating from City-owned parking lots. Staff was directed to review existing regulations and prepare legislation or policy clarifying that City parking lots may not be used for retail sales without City authorization.

Staff reported that the comprehensive zoning code update is nearing completion and is expected to be presented within the coming weeks. Committee members discussed including provisions regulating the location of data centers, including zoning restrictions and infrastructure requirements. Members also discussed potential utility, environmental, and disclosure requirements for future data center development.

The Service Committee members thanked City staff for their continued hard work and dedication to serving the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. McCracken to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Rohaly
Motion carried.

The Service Committee adjourned at 7:40 P.M., July 22, 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Heather Moore, City Clerk