BOARD OF WORKS
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Ryan Daniel – Present
Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson – Present
Attorney Marcia McNagny – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present
Lisa Smith – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session with all members present. Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES Mayor Daniel noted a spelling correction under the Shultz encroachment agreement.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes with the noted change. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 CIP meeting minutes as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT – HISCUTT - 824 S. REDSTONE Alvin Hiscutt of 824 S. Redstone Court was present to discuss the encroachment agreement to tear down the existing wood fence and replace with a vinyl fence.

Mayor Daniel questioned if there were any issues with the utilities. No concerns were raised.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the encroachment agreement for 824 S. Redstone Court as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Daniel explained to Mr. Hiscutt that if for some reason we need to get into the easement we will notify him so that it can be taken down.

351 N. LINE STREET UPDATE – BUILDING DEPARTMENT Craig Wagner, Building Inspector, was present to report that he had not been able to find who A & I was and advised that the last he checked the property had not changed ownership and was still under Neutra.

Mayor Daniel reported that the Board received information from Scott Leatherman on the A & I Group. He shared that he made a call to them but they did not know anything about the property. Leslee Robinson advised she would forward the information Scott provided to Craig.

Mayor Daniel wondered if it was a scenario that they should pause for another two weeks or move forward with the demolition. Craig Wagner shared, in his opinion, he would release it for demolition; however, Nathan Bilger would need to make the final decision. Mayor Daniel felt it would be valuable for them to look over the information that Scott pulled.

Dan Weigold suggested they move forward with Craig's recommendations. Craig Wagner advised that he was not the enforcement authority and would need to take it to Nathan Bilger. Dan Weigold requested it be taken to Nathan to see what he recommends.

Lisa Smith advised that she reviewed Scott Leatherman's notes and felt that they have done due diligence on everything.

Mayor Daniel felt the directive was to talk with Nathan to see what he would like to do but that the Board of Works was in favor of moving forward with the demolition.

BUILDING ORDER – 216 E. HANNA ST. – ZACHARY HESTING Craig Wagner reported that he heard from the Hesting's that they were moving forward with tearing the building down and thought by the middle of August it would be down.

UNSAFE BUILDING ORDER – 106 E. JACKSON ST. – KYLE PRESTON
Craig Wagner reminded the Board that the previous order for repair had been ignored so Nathan Bilger reissued the order as a demolition and removal of debris from the property. He felt that was going to be the course of action and did not think the owner would do anything. He advised if the Board would like them to move ahead, they would proceed with notice of bids for demolition.

Mayor Daniel reported that the Board was provided pictures and it was clear the structure was in disrepair, is falling in and is a hazard to the alleyway. He advised he was in favor of moving forward with demolition, pending proper notification.

Mayor Daniel made a motion to support the Planning and Building Departments directive to demo the garage structure at 106 E. Jackson Street as presented. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Craig Wagner advised the next step would be that they issue the notice of bids and advertise in the newspaper. He reported that once they collect bids, they would be back to the Board.

Mayor Daniel clarified that if Mr. Preston does not pay for it then it will go on the property as a lien. Craig Wagner advised there were several different options in the state statute for getting the money back.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – MUST TASK FORCE Leslee Robinson explained that the county has partnered with Baker Tilly to provide us with everything we need to make decisions as a MUST Committee. She shared that the city has already paid $2500 towards the reporting; however, in talking with Tiffany Deakins and Thor Hodges they advised that would be taken off our share of what the ultimate bill is going to end up being. She explained they were essentially splitting the bill based upon population. She requested approval to proceed with us paying our fair share for all of the reports and for having Baker Tilly present to mitigate the meetings. Mayor Daniel made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the MUST Task Force as presented. Lisa Smith seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of $167,768.69 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dates July 28, 2026 for checks. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of $1,193,115.38 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated July 28, 2026 for EFT payments. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of $3,200.97 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated July 14, 2026 for meter deposits and credits. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of $4,718.22 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated July 28, 2026 for meter deposits and credits. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable in the amount of $777.38 from the allowance of accounts payable vouchers dated July 14, 2026 for electric budget account refund of overpayments. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PAYROLL Lisa Smith made a motion to pay all accounts payable except overtime in the amount of $329,277.39 plus overtime in the amount of $12,843.34 for a total of $342,120.73 for the payfile ending July 10, 2026. Dan Weigold seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Kelly Cearbaugh –** finished 50/50 sidewalk at 307 N. Washington St., working on ADA ramp at Line and Market, worked on manhole castings on Main Street, started trimming limbs in alleys, MTech in to work on issues with televising truck. **Chip Hill –** working on getting areas of town designated as TIF, working on annexation of Eagle Landing, Westgate on hold waiting for NIPSCO, amphitheater moving along, several interested parties in the old jail, working on permit from the state for new hood at the test kitchen. **Matt Heiden –** holding baseball tournaments, making signs for mountain bike trail for people who want to help volunteer to maintain it, JFL equipment handed out, working to get a newer scoreboard at old high school football field. **Shawn Lickey –** done with stump grinding, trimming limbs around power lines, engineering to move overhead distribution lines underground at Eagle Park, heading to New York City with the IMPA Executive Committee to meet with rate makers on the bond rating for IMPA. **Mike Shoda –** installed and hooked up the altitude valve on the north tower, pulled the high service to be rebuilt. **Mike Cook –** site work started at Irish Glen for the new panel, waiting on blower quotes, requested permission to solicit quotes for sealing and crack filling of the facility parking lot and drives – Board approved. **Gary Parrett –** officer updates, 4-H fair went well with a few minor incidents, upcoming events, dispatch going good.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel advised they were working on a ton of things as Chip mentioned. He reported that the big focus right now as AIM President he has the opportunity to host the summer meeting so there will be 60 – 80 people from the Board of Directors here.

Having no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson