

COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
6:00 P.M.

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

Council Members

Ryan Adamson – Present
Brent Bockelman – Present
Jennifer Romano – Present
Tad Varga – Present
Daniel Weigold – Present

The Columbia City Common Council met in regular session with all members present. Mayor Daniel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All stood to say The Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES Jennifer Romano made a motion to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Tad Varga seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE 2026-26 COLUMBIA CITY BUILDING CORPORATION Tad Varga made a motion to read Ordinance 2026-26 by title only. Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson read Ordinance 2026-26 an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Columbia City, Indiana pledging general revenues to lease rental bonds of the Columbia City Building Corporation.

Dan Weigold made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-26 on second and final reading. Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2026-27 REZONE – RHOADES ENTERPRISES Tad Varga made a motion to read Ordinance 2026-27 by title only. Jennifer Romano seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson read Ordinance 2026-27 an ordinance amending the zoning classification of certain property from the R-1 single family residential district to the GB general business district.

Ryan Adamson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-27 on second and final reading. Brent Bockelman seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS **Kelly Cearbaugh** – finished a 50/50 sidewalk on 307 N. Washington St., replacing ADA ramp at Market and Line, worked on manhole lids on Main Street, MTech in to work on issues with the televising truck, trimming trees in alleys and will transition to the streets before school starts, met with A & Z on the community crossing street list. **Chip Hill** – working to get two areas set up for TIF, waiting on NIPSCO to get Westgate Phase 3 started, continuing to work on the amphitheater, have several parties interested in the old jail, working on state permit for the new hood at the test kitchen. **Matt Heiden** – hosting baseball tournaments, making signs for mountain bike trail for people who would like to volunteer to help maintain the trails, JFL equipment handed out, working to replace the scoreboard at the old high school football field. **Shawn Lickey** – done with stump grinding, trimming trees away from power lines, continue changing out poles, started engineering a design to bury overhead lines in Eagle Park, headed to New York City with the IMPA Executive Board for their annual bond rating meetings. **Mike Shoda** – replaced altitude valve on the north tower, pulled high service pump to be rebuilt. **Mike Cook** – site work started at the Irish Glen liftstation for the new control panel, waiting on blower quotes. **Gary Parrett** – officer updates, 4-H fair went well with a few minor incidents, community events, dispatch is doing good.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – MUST MEETINGS Leslee

Robinson reported that the Board of Works approved an MOU with the county for the Baker Tilly expenses for the MUST meetings. She advised that the city has already paid \$2500, which will come off our share of the total costs. She shared that they were making really good progress and has been good collaborating with everyone. She advised they should have a final decision within the next two meetings.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Daniel reported that he would be hosting the AIM Board of Directors and will have 60 – 80 people here for their annual meeting. He advised it was an opportunity to show off our community a little bit.

Having no further business to discuss, Mayor Daniel called the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Ryan Daniel

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Leslee Robinson