

# City Council Meeting Minutes

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 – 6:00 PM  
COLUMBIA CITY, CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET  
CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

**AGENDA ITEM 1**      **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**CONVENED:**

Mayor Alex Reed called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Alex Reed  
Councilor Gordon Thistle  
Councilor Connie Quick  
Councilor Lyle Bluhm

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Council President Rob Forman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder  
Jerry Bartolomucci, Chief of Police  
Micah Rogers, PW Superintendent

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

None

A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**      **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 3**      **CITIZEN INPUT:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 4**      **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**4.1**      **Audit Committee:** No report.

**4.2**      **Hazard Committee:** No report.

**4.3**      **Parks Committee:** Chair Bluhm reported that the committee went over Memorial Day Event. We are still looking for volunteers to raise the flags. Playground equipment was discussed for Harvard Park. Next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**4.4**      **Streets Committee:** Micah reported he is working on the Small City Allotment grant application.

**4.5**      **Water & Sewer Committee:** Micah reported that PW has fixed some good-sized water leaks and has three more to go. This has helped with the leak loss, and early number calculations are looking good. Micah also reported there was a blockage in a sewer main line on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and was backing up into a house. He called City of St.

Helens, and we cannot thank them enough for their immediate response and help with the situation. There is a claim with the City's insurance regarding this situation.

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 5.1 Bills paid with check numbers 35906 through 35946 during the month of March 2026.
- 5.2 Expense vs Budget Report for the month ending March 31, 2026.
- 5.3 Combined balance sheet for the month ending March 31, 2026.
- 5.4 Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
- 5.5 Activity Report from the City Administrator for the month of March 2026.
- 5.6 Activity Report from the Public Works Superintendent for the month of March 2026.
- 5.7 Activity Report from the Chief of Police for the month of March 2026.
- 5.8 Employee Cost of Living Adjustment of 3% for Budget Year 2026-27.
- 5.9 Revenue Analysis Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.1 Council Bill No. 26-1017: A Resolution Adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.**

**MOTION:** MOVED (QUICK), SECONDED (BLUHM), TO ADOPT COUNCIL BILL 26-1017 MOTION PASSED (4-0). AYE (BLUHM, QUICK, REED, THISTLE); ABSENT (FORMAN)

**7.2 Street Closure Request for the Columbia City Centennial.**

**MOTION:** MOVED (QUICK), SECONDED (BLUHM), TO APPROVE THE STREET CLOSURE FOR THE COLUMBIA CITY CENTENNIAL.  
MOTION PASSED (4-0). AYE (BLUHM, QUICK, REED, THISTLE); ABSENT (FORMAN)

**7.3 First Reading of Council Bill No. 26-1018: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 504, Authorizing the Operation of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles on Streets Located Within the City of Columbia City, Oregon, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.**

The Council completed the first reading of Council Bill No. 26-1018.

**7.4 First Reading of Council Bill No. 26-1019: An Ordinance Granting to Forged Fiber 37, LLC the Right to Construct, Operate, and Maintain Telecommunication Services in the City of Columbia City, Oregon.**

The Council completed the first reading of Council Bill No. 26-1019.

**7.5 Engineering Service Agreement between Lower Columbia Engineering and City of Columbia City.**

**MOTION:** MOVED (THISTLE), SECONDED (QUICK), TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOWER COLUMBIA ENGINEERING AND CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY.  
MOTION PASSED (4-0). AYE (BLUHM, QUICK, REED, THISTLE); ABSENT (FORMAN)

**AGENDA ITEM 8      OTHER BUSINESS:**

**8.1      OLCC Special Event License Application for Beyond the Forest LLC for Columbia Humane Society Fundraiser on 5/9/2026.**

**MOTION:** MOVED (BLUHM), SECONDED (THISTLE), TO APPROVE THE OLCC SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE APPLICATION FOR BEYOND THE FOREST.  
MOTION PASSED (4-0). AYE (BLUHM, QUICK, REED, THISTLE); ABSENT (FORMAN)

**AGENDA ITEM 9      ADJOURNMENT:**

**9.1**    There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED:

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Alexander Reed  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Karber  
City Administrator/Recorder