

City Council Workshop Minutes

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 – 5:00 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 Workshop Meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Kim Karber, City Administrator/Recorder
Simon Ebert, Columbia City Resident & Architect Student

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM 2

NEW BUSINESS:

2.1 Fire Station: Simon Ebert, Columbia City resident & Portland Community College architect design and drafting graduate, again discussed the concept of what the fire station could look like, with an update showing the fire trucks entering/exiting from highway 30.

Mayor Reed stated he thinks there are two questions: one being, in general do residents want a fire station; and two, do they want to use part of Bundy Park for a fire station. He pointed out the 'Save Bundy Park' signs do not state whether or not they are against a fire station overall. He mentioned a few places that are currently for sale or were for sale that could be considered for a fire station. Councilor Quick explained that the donation of land would be considered an in-kind donation that the fire station could use towards grant applications. Mayor and Council further discussed the different pros and cons of a fire station in Columbia City.

Kim reported our auditors would charge \$300 an hour to look over Columbia River Fire & Rescue's recent audits and could cap their time at ten hours. They would look at their financial condition and evaluate their trend in financial position. It was suggested to see if Rob Forman would review their audits.

AGENDA ITEM 3

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 4

ADJOURNMENT:

4.1 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.