

City Council Workshop Minutes

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 – 4:00 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 4:04 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

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM 2

NEW BUSINESS:

2.1 Fire Station. Council discussed the next steps, and the consensus was to send out a survey in the September newsletter to get as much citizen feedback as possible. Councilor Bluhm stated it is important to do our due diligence and not rush a decision. Councilor Quick agreed and thinks it is important to do what the majority of the citizens want and we do not have that information yet. Mayor Reed will put some survey question options together for us to review at the next meeting.

2.2 August Audit Committee Meeting. Councils' consensus was to move forward with the August 18th meeting. It will be moved to 2 pm and Councilor Quick volunteered to attend the meeting since there is not currently a Council member assigned to it.

2.3 Open Council Position. Council discussed and came to the consensus that they would not fill the open council position and will wait for the November elections to fill it. Kim will email the applicants.

AGENDA ITEM 3

OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 League of Oregon Cities (LOC). Kim reminded Council that she emailed out the LOC legislative priorities and that we would be discussing it at the next Council meeting to vote on their top five priorities.

AGENDA ITEM 4

ADJOURNMENT:

4.1 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.