



Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 01, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment *(Public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must begin by stating their name and address for the record. To ensure that all individuals have an opportunity to be heard, the presiding officer may enforce the time limit and may call speakers to conclude their remarks when their time has expired.)*

New Business

1. Discussion regarding Pavilion rental noise concerns.
2. Discussion regarding Stormwater Utility Funding.
3. Additional discussion on amending Chapter 98 of city ordinance to add and regulate e-bikes, e-scooters, EPAMD's (electric personal assistant mobility device) and similar vehicles.
4. Discussion regarding the award of bid to Thunder Road for 2026 street maintenance contract for Crack Seal.
5. Discussion regarding the award of bid to Struck and Irwin for 2026 street maintenance contract for Slurry Seal.

Adjourn

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

Item Title: Pavilion Noise Concerns

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

I wanted to provide an update on the discussion from August 18th regarding noise concerns at the pavilion.

Recommended language for revised contract

No noise above 80 decibels or that is plainly audible at least 50 feet from the pavilion is permitted at ANY time, and all amplified sound must cease by 11:30 PM. Violation will result in forfeiture of 50% of rental deposit. The City monitors decibel levels and will deduct said amount from the renter's security deposit for any instance of violation. The current contract says 2:00am, my recommendation for future contracts is to end at 11:59pm.

Decibel Monitoring & Reporting Devices

I've learned that C-weighting is critical for monitoring bass. I've not found a c-weighted device that provides a visual display of the decibel reading within the venue. There are multiple options that send alerts, however, these are devices that could be used in a complaint situation, not physically mounted within the venue. I think our best avenue is to purchase a sound limiter, anticipated cost of \$1500 plus installation. An example is shown below:

Sentry Music Noise Controller



Features

- Continuously monitors the sound levels
- Cuts the power when the sound levels are too high
- Difficult to bypass

Applications

- Dealing with complaints from local residents
- Pubs, clubs, discos
- Live music venues
- Hotels

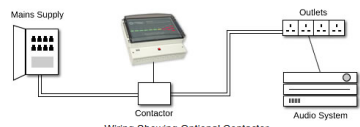
Sentry Music Noise Controller

Overview | Installation | Setting Up | Options | Contactor | External Mic | Remote Reset

Music Noise

The need for loud music in an entertainment venue can result in "noise" outside, which will not be appreciated by local residents. The most common way to control this noise problem is to install a Music Noise Controller, which will cut the power to the amplifier and related equipment when a preset sound level has been exceeded for a given period of time.

The Sentry usually connects between the electrical supply and the power outlet sockets that are to be used for the audio equipment. It can be used to simply control the signal to the speakers, should you not want to remove power from all the equipment, but the usual requirement is to install it in the mains power circuit, making it difficult to bypass.



Wiring Showing Optional Contactor

Draft Letter

Dear Fireman's Park Pavilion Renter,

Thank you for choosing Fireman's Park Pavilion for your event. We want all guests to enjoy their time at the park while also being respectful of the residents who live nearby.

The City has received ongoing complaints regarding excessive noise associated with some pavilion rentals. To help ensure everyone can enjoy the park and surrounding neighborhood, we ask that all renters and guests comply with the following requirements:

- All music must end no later than 11:30 p.m.
- Please keep bass levels to a minimum. Excessive bass travels significant distances and is the most common source of noise complaints from neighboring properties.
- Limit the bass and volume of announcements via amplified sound equipment.
- Be respectful of nearby residents when arriving, during the event, and when departing.
- Encourage guests to keep voices and conversations at a reasonable level, particularly late in the evening.
- Ensure vehicles leave the park in an orderly manner without excessive noise from horns, engines, or stereos.

Fireman's Park is a valued community asset, and continued use of the pavilion for celebrations depends on the cooperation of renters and their guests. Failure to follow these expectations may result in event disruptions, involvement of law enforcement, forfeiture of deposits, or limitations on future rentals.

Please note that due to the increasing number of complaints received, City staff and law enforcement may be asked to monitor events more closely. Your cooperation is essential to ensuring the pavilion remains available for future rentals and community events.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you for helping us maintain a positive relationship with our park neighbors.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Current 2027 Rental Contract

Action Requested of Committee:

Further discussion and direction on this issue.

City of Columbus Pavilion Venue Contract

Name of User:	
Address:	Resident: Y/N
City and State:	Zip Code:
Phone#:	Phone#:
Email: (please write legibly):	
Dates requesting:	Full or half day (circle)
(2):	Full or half day (circle)
(3):	Full or half day (circle)

Rental Status	Deposit Weekday	Rent per day Weekday.	WI. Tax	Deposit Weekend	Rent per day Weekend.	WI. Tax	Add'l Time Rented	Add'l Time Tax Total
Resident	\$600	\$600	\$33	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$110	\$1,000	\$165
Nonresident	\$850	\$850	\$46.75	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$137.50	\$1,250	\$206.25
Nonprofit Resident	\$500.00	\$500.00	-	\$500.00	\$1,000	-		
Nonprofit Nonresident	\$750	\$750	-	\$1500	\$1,875.00	-		

****Note: The additional time rented is (1) half-day Friday and (1) half-day Sunday.**

Rental Fees

- Full day Rentals are 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Monday - Sunday) regardless of what time the renter(s) arrive.
- Specific half-day rentals (either 7:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) are charged one half of a full day rental fee. Weekday rates are individual days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.
- Weekend rates are individual days Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Holiday rates are the same as a weekend rate.
- Off-season rates apply to the months **January and February**. Off-season rates receive a 20% discount on the rental fee schedule shown above.
- **Smoking in the Pavilion will result in a full forfeiture of all fees collected. No exceptions.** Any evidence of smoking in the building will result in a forfeit of any fees paid for rent and deposit. Evidence of smoking by the Renter and / or Renter's associates, guests, invitees, contractors, and all other people whatsoever who enter the venue during the rental period, whether or not such persons did so with Renter's knowledge or consent, will result in loss of full deposit amount.

Reservations

Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and are not considered complete until this agreement is signed, and the deposit is paid in full. **The security deposit must be paid in full when the agreement is signed to reserve the date.** Rental fees must be paid in full at least **60 days** prior to the rental. If the renter cancels the rental less than 60 days prior to the event the security deposit will be forfeited and any rent payment collected will be returned. If the renter cancels less than 30 days prior to the event, the rental fee/sales tax, and security deposit will be forfeited.

- Use of the online service to pay rental fees have a transaction fee associated with that use. Any fee charged by the online service is the responsibility of the renter.
- Rental fees are subject to Wisconsin State sales tax. Security deposits are not subject to sales tax.

- C. The City shall return the security deposit minus any amounts deemed necessary to repair damage inflicted upon the venue or required additional cleaning by the Renter and / or Renter's associates, guests, invitees, contractors, and all other persons whatsoever who enter the venue during the rental period, whether or not such persons did so with Renter's knowledge or consent, within 30 days from rental date. Failure to return the keys to the facility will result in full loss of the security deposit. Keys must be returned within 24 hours of the rental date. The keys can be return to the address of 161 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus. There is a drop box located by the front door for your convenience.
- D. Resident vs Non-Resident. Residents are those who reside *within the city limits* of Columbus. Non-residents reside *outside the city limits*.**
- E. Charitable, nonprofit, or church organizations that rent the facilities must provide proof that they are non-profit or charitable to receive the reduced rental/deposit fees. It does not, however, eliminate the requirement to pay sales tax on the rental fee paid.
- F. Any rental which intends to use more than the facility named in this agreement must identify that need/use at the time this agreement is received. Depending on the use, need or circumstances, the City Council may be involved in the approval process.
- G. Any large event that charges fees must be approved by the City Council before any rental agreement would be approved. Detailed use of the grounds, facilities, etc. must be outlined and provided along with this agreement.
- H. Proof of insurance will be required for large events.
- I. The City reserves the right to decline any and/or all rentals of any/and or all city facilities to any party.
- J. The renter/user is responsible for any damage to any property in the rented area and/or any injuries which were sustained by any member(s) of the party/group during the gathering or as a result thereof.
- K. The city is not responsible for any damage to any person, personal items, personal items kept in the walk-in freezer, concession areas, park grounds or any other area within the park.
- L. Keys to the buildings are available Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus City Hall located at 105 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925 or on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. To call and arrange for pick up please call (920) 623-5900. Keys can be obtained 24 hours in advance of the rental and/or the last business day prior to rental. **Failure to secure/lock the rented facility after use will result in full forfeiture of security deposit.**

Rules and Conditions

LOITERING: City Ordinance (Sec. 70-64) states the city parks are closed from 10pm to 6am. No person shall loiter in any city park during hours that the park is closed. Exemptions to the ordinance are permits for special parks events approved by the Columbus Recreation Department and/or by the City Council for events requiring liquor license.

PARK HOURS: For special events in City Parks that have been permitted and allowed beyond the stated park hours (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) renters are expected to remain in and around the specific facility that has been reserved for the event. Loitering around other parts of the park after hours is not permitted.

MUSIC AND NOISE: Users shall be mindful of the volume of noise created at their event. Excessive or disturbing noises emanating from the event may result in action taken by the city due to noise complaints (City Ordinance 38-106). This action may include a police officer responding to the event, shutting down the event and/or the issuance of a citation. **Music and other noise must end at 11:30 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

BUILDING CONDITION/CLEANING: Users shall leave areas in clean condition, as determined by the park caretaker. All floors swept and mopped, bathrooms cleaned, and other used areas **MUST** be returned to clean conditions, or renter will forfeit a portion or all the deposit. Any tables, chairs or other furnishings that are moved must be returned to racks. Racks must be moved back to their original location on the premises. Users shall complete all these tasks and remove all personal property, any rental equipment and trash prior to closing time of 2:00 a.m. (unless multi-day rental). **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to properly clean the facility will result in the loss of or partial loss of the security deposit. **Lost or stolen AED will result in total deposit loss, you will be**

charged for the current replacement cost. Damages in costs that exceed the security deposit will be the responsibility of the renter and must be paid in full within 30 days after the rental. Any violation of this agreement is subject to loss of the full security deposit.

CHAIRS AND TABLES: Users are responsible for knowing the type of tables and chairs currently in use at the Pavilion. Any additional rentals are at the cost of the user.

RECYCLING/GARBAGE: All recyclable materials must be removed from premises and recycled properly (no items left on grounds). All trash must be disposed of in the receptacle located outside the buildings.

FIRE ROUTES: Per state fire code: **AT NO TIME** during the rental of any facility shall any exits be blocked or obstructed; also, all exits must be kept unlocked during use.

NOT ALLOWED: No helium balloons allowed inside buildings. If helium balloons are found and removed, please note a fee will be charged to the renter for removal of said item.

No Confetti allowed. If found and removed, please note a fee will be charged to the renter for removal of said item.

No glass bottles allowed in buildings and on park grounds (Municipal Code Section 70-65).

ABSOLUTELY NO smoking or use of candles and open flames!! Any evidence of smoking, use of candles or evidence of open flames in any of the buildings or on the balcony at the Pavilion **will result in a forfeit of any fees paid for rent and deposit.** The renter will also be liable for all damage caused.

No items that will damage the walls or floors of the rented building can be used for display or decorations. The use of nails, tacks, etc. are also prohibited.

KEY RETURN: Keys must be returned no later than the Monday after a weekend rental or the day after an event during the week. The keys can be returned to City Hall at 105 N. Dickason Blvd., Columbus, WI 53925. The office is open Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or there is a drop box located next to the front door for the keys to be placed in. Failure to do so may result in loss of your deposit.

Use of Grounds

Permission to use ball fields must be obtained from Columbus Recreation. Hourly rental fees do apply for both athletic fields and the use of lights.

Permission will be declined if there is a conflict with any city-sponsored recreation events.

Scheduled or rain date city-sponsored recreation events have priority over all other uses.

Organized groups using grounds, but not reserving buildings, must register with Public Works, this includes circuses, scouting groups, campers, company picnics, school groups, etc.

Licenses and Permit Requirements

A. Beverage licenses are not required for private parties, receptions, or other private occasions. The party using the building for private affairs is responsible for providing their own bartenders and for preventing the furnishing of any alcoholic beverages to underage people. The sale of alcohol is forbidden.

B. Temporary Class "B" license, if appropriate, is required for rentals contracted by non-profit organizations or bona-fide clubs for purposes of fund-raising, etc.

C. Users shall be responsible for maintaining order for all public functions when a Temporary Class "B" license is issued and are responsible for any damages to person or property because of the function and sale of alcohol.

D. If the user is a public event or organization an emergency management plan form is required. requires certain steps be taken and preparations made in case of a potential emergency, for example, inclement weather. Contact Bill Breunig (920) 350-5818 or email at columbusem@columbuswi.gov to obtain the plan form.

Release of Liability

In consideration of the permission granted to _____ (person to whom wishes to use the City Property), the undersigned discharges and releases the City of Columbus, Wisconsin, from all claims, demands or liability whatsoever which we may now have or hereafter have, as a result of use of the premises on _____ (rental date).

I have read the agreement and understand all its contents (initials).

Renter's Signature, date	Columbus Representative Signature, date
Printed Name	Printed Name
Address	Address
City, State, Zip Code	City, State, Zip Code

**Return Completed Agreement &
Payment to: City of Columbus
105 N. Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925**



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

Item Title: Stormwater Utility Funding

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

I have summarized from meeting minutes prior discussions regarding this topic....

May 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole

City Engineer, Jason Leitha, gave an update on the Stormwater project. There was a listening session which covered the history and future of stormwater in the city. The last referendum was discussed and what happened post referendum. Grant funding and ordinance updates were also discussed. The second session was held on April 24, 2024. The next steps were discussed – what are the next projects and putting the top projects into a plan. What does sustainable funding look like? Grants, borrowing and stormwater utility were all discussed, possibly looking at another referendum. Mayor Hammer shared that more information is on the website. There are 94 projects listed in the Stormwater study, and at that time the cost was between 15 and 20 million. The top 19 costing between 5.5 and six million. Leitha shared that study was in response to the feedback from the referendum, and it helped to bring us to where we are currently.

July 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole

Discuss Possible April 2025 Referendum for Funding of a Stormwater Utility: The County deadline for the Spring 2025 ballot is January 21, 2025. Amundson shared that we have a detailed plan and there are nineteen priority projects as listed by RuekertMielke. We need to identify a funding source that does not compete with the budget and projects already included in the budget. The council creates the verbiage they would like in the referendum question. There is a Public Information Meeting scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 6:00pm. Attorney Johnson shared that Ch.104, Stormwater Utility in the city code, specifically Ch.104-4, outlines the process. Council would like to review the last referendum question at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. There will also be future discussion in preparing to share the information to the community.

December 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole

Amundson gave some background on the possibility of the city going to a Stormwater Utility Referendum. The Council established the Stormwater Utility by ordinance on January 4, 2022. At that time, a rate charge ("user fee") upon each real estate parcel was not implemented. Subsequent amendments (2) to the Stormwater Utility Ordinance clarified the City's base charge (user fee) concerning timing of user fee increases and details on collection procedures. In 2023, Ordinance 782-23 was enacted

which created Sec. 102-63 whereby the Columbus Utility Commission is prohibited from establishing any rates or charging any fees for stormwater services until such time as the electors approve a referendum to allow for the collection of stormwater fees under Ch. 104 of the Code of Ordinances. There are four options for the Council to consider: 1. Continue to borrow for stormwater projects, 2. Go to a Referendum, 3. Do nothing, or 4. Repeal the Ordinance. The next plausible election date would be April 7, 2026, for a referendum. Committee agreed to move forward a discussion of the process and a recommendation to the January 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting.

December/January 2025

City staff learned that the City did not need to go to referendum to enact a fee for the Stormwater Utility in conversations with Ehlers the City's financial consultant. By taking a negative levy adjustment the Council could enact the fee.

January 7, 2025 Committee of Whole

As requested at the December 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting, the committee continued discussion regarding stormwater funding. Alder Motiff would like to see a stormwater fee enacted and the repeal of Ord. 782-23 in order to start increasing stormwater funding. Alders Lawson and Reid agreed, adding details they would like to see addressed such as rate differentials between residential and commercial. Committee members agreed to move forward with Public Information Meetings and to review Chapter 104 of the City Code at a future Common Council meeting.

May 19, 2026 Committee of the Whole

Jason Leitha and Sam Bowman with Ruekert-Mielke were present to share an update on the Storm Water Utility. He also discussed the impacts Storm Water Utility has on the community and what Columbus currently has for infrastructure. Funding and project priority challenges and solutions were also shared. He reminded members that the City does not need to go to a referendum to adopt a fee. He also shared a review of the Fuller Street project. Bowman shared reasoning for enacting a user fee for funding through either the Maintenance Focus, the Balance Program (recommended), or the Aggressive Capital Program, and also explained how the billing system would effect property owners. She then outlined how the process would proceed. Committee members agreed to move forward to a future Utility Commission meeting for review.

August 20, 2026 Utility Commission

[Link to Presentation](#)

Jason Lietha provided a presentation and answered questions from the commission. Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Finkler to recommend option 2 and charge via the utility bill. Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.

Funding Scenario #2 – Balanced Program

- Funds full annual maintenance activities:
 - Ditch and channel maintenance
 - Storm inlet cleaning
- Funds one capital project every other year
 - Project will come from ranked priority list
- Builds on completed projects, addresses projects systematically
- Provides a predictable, defensible investment strategy
- Between \$120 and \$150 per ERU annually
- Recommended for City of Columbus

Ruekert-Mielke

Next Steps for the Council if it wishes to proceed:

- Repeal Ordinance 782-23. In 2023, Ordinance 782-23 was enacted which created Sec. 102-63 whereby the Columbus Utility Commission is prohibited from establishing any rates or charging any fees for stormwater services until such time as the electors approve a referendum to allow for the collection of stormwater fees under Ch. 104 of the Code of Ordinances
- Pursuant to section 104-4(h), the City Council will need to adopt a resolution to establish the base rate. The base rate will remain in place for the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027. The Council resolution to establish the base rate should also establish the start date for the imposition of the fee. The Council will need to provide direction for staff to work with Ruekert-Mielke to develop the budget and fee structure for the stormwater utility.
- Beginning in January 2028, the Council will need to adopt another resolution if it wants to raise the base rate. If the Council wants to raise the rate, 3% is the maximum it can be raised without having to go to referendum.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance 822-26

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on stormwater utility funding



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

Item Title: Additional discussion on amending Chapter 98 of city ordinance to add and regulate e-bikes, e-scooters, EPAMD's (electric personal assistant mobility device) and similar vehicles.

Submitted By: Dennis Weiner, Chief of Police

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

I spoke at the August 5, 2026 council meeting on this topic and have a draft ordinance amendment written as identified above. I am participating in a Webinar presented by the League of Municipalities on this topic as it has become an issue in many communities. I have identified some questions that warrant further discussion and consensus before finalizing the draft ordinance. These include but are not limited to:

- Ages: Do we want to set a minimum age to operate an e-scooters or e-bikes?
- Helmets: Confirm the requirement for helmets for those under 16.
- If helmets are mandated, discuss period of promotion and education with implementation January 1, 2027.
- Confirm bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters shall be walked in the downtown area on sidewalks and identify what we want to define as the downtown area. James and Ludington Streets 1 block each direction from stop lights, or that and adding 1 block each direction of E. Harrison Street, W Harrison Street, S. Dickason Blvd, N. Dickason Blvd, W Mill Street, E. Mill Street, N. Water Street and S. Water Street as the downtown area is defined for snow emergency parking.
- Any additional questions/issues learned from the webinar, which I am attending after the agenda deadline, but before this council meeting.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

None.

Action Requested of Council:

Discussion on regulations in amended ordinance. This will help create a final draft for the city attorney's review and presentation at the next council meeting.

August 27, 2026

Randy Myrum
City of Columbus
105 N. Dickason Boulevard
Columbus, WI 53925

RE: 2026 Crack Sealing Program

Dear Randy Myrum :

Bids for the above project were opened on August 27, 2026 at 10am on a virtual bidding meeting and were as listed on the attached bid tabulation.as follows:

	BIDDER	BASE BID	MANDATORY ALTERNATE	BASE BID + MANDATORY ALTERNATE
1.	Thunder Road LLC	\$11,215.00	\$6,160.00	\$17,375.00
2.	Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$23,248.00	\$9,391.00	\$32,639.00

We reviewed the documentation submitted by the apparent low bidder and found that:

1. The Bid Form has been appropriately completed.
2. We have no objections to the low bidder for the base bid and mandatory alternate.
3. Low bidder has successfully completed similar projects in the last several years.

On these bases, we recommend that Thunder Road LLC be awarded the 2026 Crack Sealing Program contract, in the amount of \$17,375.00. for the Base Bid and the mandatory alternate total.

Our review did not include an evaluation of bidder's current financial condition nor of their permanent safety program.

Should you decide to accept our recommendation, we have prepared the enclosed Notice of Award for your use. After City Council approval has been received, please have the appropriate official sign where indicated and forward a signed copy of the Notice of Award to our office. We will then fill in the date at the top of page one and forward it, with contracts for execution, to the Contractor. One fully completed Notice of Award will be returned to you for your records.

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.

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Encl: Notice of Award
Bid Tabulation

COST COMPARISON OF BIDDERS

Item #4.

OWNER: City of Columbus 2026
PROJECT: 2026 Crack Sealing Project
BID OPENING DATE: August 27th, 2026

BASE BID				Thunder Road LLC		Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	
ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY.	UNIT \$	TOTAL	UNIT \$	TOTAL
1	Pavement Crack Seal Maple Avenue (Transit Road to Termini)	LS	1	\$2,935.00	\$2,935.00	\$4,213.00	\$4,213.00
2	Pavement Crack Seal Highview Lane (Tower Road to Woodridge Lane)	LS	1	\$1,960.00	\$1,960.00	\$2,734.00	\$2,734.00
3	Pavement Crack Seal Avalon Road (Brookside Lane to Wildwood Drive)	LS	1	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$1,648.00	\$1,648.00
4	Pavement Crack Seal Waterloo Street (Manning Street to 470 Waterloo Street and 539 Waterloo Street to Poet Street)	LS	1	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00	\$6,117.00	\$6,117.00
5	Pavement Crack Seal S Birdsey Street (STH 16 to W School Street)	LS	1	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00	\$8,536.00	\$8,536.00
TOTAL OF ALL ESTIMATED PRICES (ITEMS 1 - 5)					\$11,215.00		\$23,248.00
MANDATORY ALTERNATE A							
A1	Pavement Crack Seal N Lewis Street (STH 16 to Wisconsin Street)	LS	1	\$2,975.00	\$2,975.00	\$7,791.00	\$7,791.00
A2	Pavement Crack Seal N Birdsey Street (Full Length)	LS	1	\$2,385.00	\$2,385.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00
A3	Pavement Crack Seal Woods Lane (Full Length)	LS	1	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
MANDATORY ALTERNATE A TOTAL					\$6,160.00		\$9,391.00
Base Bid + Mandatory Alternate A Total:					\$17,375.00		\$32,639.00

August 27, 2026

Randy Myrum
City of Columbus
105 N. Dickason Boulevard
Columbus, WI, 53925

RE: 2026 Slurry Sealing Program

Dear Mr. Myrum:

Bids for the above project were opened on August 27, 2026, at 11:00 A.M., online on Quest CDN and were as follows:

	BIDDER	BASE BID	MANDATORY ALTERNATE	BASE BID + MANDATORY ALTERNATE
1.	Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc.	\$54,125.85	\$17,355.75	\$71,481.60
2.	Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$54,164.00	\$17,291.00	\$71,455.00

We reviewed the documentation submitted by the apparent low bidder and found that:

1. The Bid Form has been appropriately completed.
2. We have no objections to Struck & Irwin for the base bid and mandatory alternate.
3. Fahrner's bid was submitted for work in 2027 and subsequently removed from contention.

On these basis, we recommend that Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. be awarded the 2026 Slurry Sealing Program contract, in the amount of \$71,481.60 for the Base Bid and the Mandatory Alternate total.

Our review did not include an evaluation of bidder's current financial condition nor of their permanent safety program.

Should you decide to accept our recommendation, we have prepared the enclosed Notice of Award for your use. After City Council approval has been received, please have the appropriate official sign where indicated and forward a signed copy of the Notice of Award to our office. We will then fill in the date at the top of page one and forward it, with contracts for execution, to the Contractor. One fully completed Notice of Award will be returned to you for your records.

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RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.

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Encl: Notice of Award
Bid Tabulation

COST COMPARISON OF BIDDERS

Item #5.

OWNER: City of Columbus
PROJECT: 2026 Slurry Sealing Program
BID OPENING DATE: August 27, 2026

BASE BID				Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc.		Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	
ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY.	UNIT \$	TOTAL	UNIT \$	TOTAL
1	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Brevity Lane (Dix Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$7,533.60	\$7,533.60	\$7,535.00	\$7,535.00
2	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Chapin Street (Dix Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$7,533.60	\$7,533.60	\$7,347.00	\$7,347.00
3	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Nina Drive (Sturges Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$1,781.20	\$1,781.20	\$5,891.00	\$5,891.00
4	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal (Sunset Road (Dix Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$7,621.20	\$7,621.20	\$7,745.00	\$7,745.00
5	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Siesta Court (Sturges Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$2,011.15	\$2,011.15	\$1,989.00	\$1,989.00
6	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Nina W (Sturges Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$6,226.90	\$6,226.90	\$1,979.00	\$1,979.00
7	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Sturges Street (Dix Street to Termini)	LS	1	\$21,418.20	\$21,418.20	\$21,678.00	\$21,678.00
Base Bid TOTAL					\$54,125.85		\$54,164.00
MANDATORY ALTERNATE A							
A1	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal W Avalon Road (Western Ave to Termini)	LS	1	\$9,993.70	\$9,993.70	\$8,946.00	\$8,946.00
A2	Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Red Bud Trail (W Avalon Road to Western Ave)	LS	1	\$7,362.05	\$7,362.05	\$8,345.00	\$8,345.00
Mandatory Alternate A TOTAL					\$17,355.75		\$17,291.00
Base Bid + Mandatory Alterante A TOTAL					\$71,481.60		\$71,455.00