



Utility Commission Special Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 02, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of May 21, 2026 Utility Commission Minutes.

New Business

2. Consider and take action on Task Order No. 2026-CU02 with Ruekert-Mielke on Water Plant 2 Construction Related Services.

3. Consider and take action to award the Water Plant No.2 Reliability Improvements contract, in the amount of \$905,950.00.

Reports

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.



Columbus Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Michael Thom, Joe Hammer, Lori Koenig-Frye, Molly Finkler, Sandy Curtis, and Jack Sanderson.

Brook Andler was absent.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Curtis to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Hammer to approve the consent agenda. Motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approval of April 16th, 2026, Utility Commission Minutes
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report
3. Outage Reports

New Business

4. Consider and take action on the recommendations of sewer rate updates for the City of Columbus, Village of Fall River and Town of Elba

Jason Lietha of Ruekert-Mielke provided an overview on the rate study.

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Koenig-Frye to approve the rate study and implement the new rates. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Consider and take action on Task Order 2026-03 with Ruekert-Mielke related to annual street maintenance.

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Curtis to recommend approval of the Task Order. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports

6. Director's Report Outline

Public Works & Utilities Director Randy Myrum provided the Director's Report.

7. Typical Bill Comparison Summary
8. May 2026 Live Lines

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Finkler, seconded by Hammer. Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

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This is Task Order No. 2026-CU02,
consisting of 3 pages.
Columbus Utilities
*Water Plant 2 Construction Related
Services*

Task Order

In accordance with Paragraph 1.1 of the Master Professional Service Agreement between the Columbus Utilities (Utilities) and Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. (R/M) for Professional Services – Task Order Edition, dated March 19, 2019 ("Agreement"), City and R/M agree as follows:

1. Specific Project Data

The Water Plant 2 Reliability Improvements project includes reconditioning the existing softeners, and replacement of the existing motor control center. Softener reconditioning will include replacement of the ion exchange resin, replacement of the exiting butterfly valves, replacement of the inlet and brine distributors, and repainting the interior of the softeners.

The existing motor control center is over 30 years old and has experienced some component failures. The motor control center will be replaced to improve reliability.

The work covered by this task order is to provide Construction Related Services (administration and review) to the project..

2. Scope of Services for R/M

- A. Coordination with Contractor and Owner to review and execute contracts.
- B. Coordinate preconstruction meeting. Schedule meeting, prepare agenda, attend and lead meeting, and issue meeting notes.
- C. Respond to RFI's from the Contractor.
- D. Review shop drawings and product submittals.
- E. Coordination, review and analysis of media test results from the Contractor. Coordinate with the contractor and City for proper method of media disposal.
- F. Review equipment operation and maintenance manuals.
- G. Process Contractor payment applications (up to 6 applications).
- H. Attend Contractor progress meetings (up to 6 meetings).
- I. Review, negotiate, and process change orders (up to 2 change orders).
- J. Attend and facilitate equipment start-ups.
- K. Develop punch list. Issue Certificate of Substantial Completion.
- L. Provide two inspections for punch list completion.
- M. Coordinate and review contractor record drawings.
- N. Process closeout paperwork for contract with Owner and Contractor.
- O. Perform periodic on-site construction observation. (up to 20 site visits).

3. **Utility's Responsibilities**

The Utility shall have those responsibilities as set forth in Section II of the Agreement, subject to the following:

- A. Attend meetings with Contractor and Engineer.
- B. Coordination with the contractor during shutdowns and temporary power connections.
- C. Provide access to the site and building of Water Plant 2.

4. **Items Excluded**

The following items are excluded from the Scope of Services.

- A. Anything not specifically identified in the Scope of Services above.
- B. Permit Fees.
- C. Additional meetings not listed in scope.
- D. Redesign or addition of services.
- E. Change of conditions from information known at time of this Task Order.

5. **Times for Rendering Services**

Schedules are subject to change due to activities beyond the control of R/M. In general, the tentative schedule is as follows:

- A. Begin Construction Related Services – June 19, 2026
- B. Complete Construction Related Services- July 31, 2027

6. **Payments to R/M**

- A. Utility shall pay R/M for services rendered as follows:

Category of Services	Compensation Method	Estimate of Compensation for Services
Construction Related Services	Hourly	\$74,700
TOTAL		\$74,700

- B. The terms of payment are set forth in Section III and Exhibit A of the Agreement.

TASK ORDER

Item #2.

TASK ORDER NO. 2026-CU02
WATER PLANT 2 CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES
Between Columbus Utilities
and
Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.
Dated June 5, 2026

Terms and Conditions: Execution of this Task Order by Utility and R/M shall make it subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement (as modified above), which Agreement is incorporated by this reference. R/M is authorized to begin performance upon its receipt of a copy of this Task Order signed by Utility.

The Effective Date of this Task Order is June 19, 2026.

OWNER:

Columbus Utilities

ENGINEER:

Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature: Jason P. Lietha Digitally signed by Jason P. Lietha
Date: 2026.06.05 14:15:35 -05'00'

Name: Jason P. Lietha, P.E.

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: June 5, 2025

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR TASK ORDER

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name: Donald J. Heikkila, P.E.

Title: Project Manager

Address: 1400 Lombardi Ave. Suite 101S

Green Bay, WI 54304

Email: dheikkila@ruekert-mielke.com

Phone: 920-486-6624

June 1, 2026

Mr. Randy Myrum
Columbus Utilities
950 Maple Ave.
Columbus, WI 53925

RE: Water Plant 2 Reliability Improvements

Dear Mr. Myrum:

Bids for the above project were opened on May 14, 2026, via virtually online at Quest and were as follows:

	BIDDER	BASE BID
1.	<u>Sabel Mechanical, LLC</u>	<u>\$905,950.00</u>
2.	<u>Rohde Brothers, Inc.</u>	<u>\$965,300.00</u>
3.	<u>August Winter & Sons, Inc.</u>	<u>\$970,300.00</u>

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,
3. Low bidder has successfully completed similar projects over the last five years based on past experience with previous Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. projects.

On these bases, we recommend that Sabel Mechanical be awarded the Water Plant 2 Reliability Improvements contract, in the amount of \$905,950.00. This amount is based on the bid unit prices and estimated quantities. On all construction projects, and especially complex ones like this, unpredictable factors may increase the final contract amount. For this reason, we recommend that the Columbus Utilities include a 10 percent contingency when preparing the financial plan for this work.

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. 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.

Bids remain subject to acceptance until July 13, 2026, unless Bidder agrees to an extension. Please advise us of your award decision or call if there are any questions.

Mr. Myrum
Recommendation of Award
June 1, 2026
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Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.

Donald J Heikkila

Digitally signed by Donald J Heikkila
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O=Ruekert & Mielke, CN=Donald J
Heikkila
Date: 2026.06.01 10:49:38-05'00'

Donald J. Heikkila, P.E. (WI, PA)
Project Manager
dheikkila@ruekert-mielke.com

DJH:alc

Encl: Notice of Award
Bid Tabulation

cc: Jacob Tanner, Lead Water Operator Columbus Utilities

COST COMPARISON OF BIDDERS

Item #3.

OWNER: Columbus Utilities
PROJECT: Water Plant 2 Reliability Improvements
BID OPENING DATE: May 14, 2026

BASE BID				Sabel Mechanical, LLC		Rohde Brothers, Inc.		August Winter & Sons, Inc	
ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY.	UNIT \$	TOTAL	UNIT \$	TOTAL	UNIT \$	TOTAL
1	Softener Equipment Reconditioning	LS	1	\$606,800.00	\$606,800.00	\$691,100.00	\$691,100.00	\$680,300.00	\$680,300.00
2	Electrical Work	LS	1	\$299,150.00	\$299,150.00	\$274,200.00	\$274,200.00	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL ESTIMATED PRICES (ITEMS 1 - 2)					\$905,950.00		\$965,300.00		\$970,300.00