



Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 07, 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 Ordinance No. 817-26 Concerning the Composition of the Ethics Committee.
2. Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 818-26 Parking in Downtown.
3. Discussion of Appointment of additional 2026 – 2027 Election Inspectors.

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 & Council

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Item Title: Ordinance 817-26 Ethics Committee

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has recently advised that it is not a best practice for the Common Council to also serve as the Ethics Committee. In response, I asked Attorney Johnson to draft the attached ordinance establishing an Ethics Committee composed of the chairs of the Utility Commission, Plan Commission, Public Spaces Committee, and Recreation Committee, along with the Council President, for a total of five members.

Because the Ethics Committee meets infrequently and only on an as-needed basis, utilizing members from existing committees eliminates the need to create and staff an additional committee. The ordinance also establishes a process for replacing committee members who have a conflict of interest or are otherwise unable to serve on a particular matter.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Ordinance 817-26

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
ORDINANCE NO. 817-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 2-390(a)
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE
COMPOSITION OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. Section 2-390(a) of the City Code is repealed in its entirety and recreated to now read as follows:
 - (a) **Composition.** The Ethics Committee shall consist of 5 members, said members being the current Chairs of the Plan Commission, Utility Commission, Public Spaces Committee, Recreation Committee, and the Council President.

The Mayor shall be the first alternate member of the Ethics Committee and shall serve only if one of the regular members of the Committee is unable to serve for any reason. If a complaint requires more than one regular member of the Ethics Committee to not participate for any reason, then the longest serving Alderperson from District 1 shall act as the second alternate, the longest serving Alderperson from District 2 shall act as the third alternate and the longest serving Alderperson from District 3 shall act as the fourth alternate for the purpose of creating a 5-member committee.
2. **Severability.** If any portion of this Ordinance or its application on any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other provision herein or its application shall not be affected.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication or posting, as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Council

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Item Title: Ordinance No. 818-26 Parking in Downtown

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

Chief Weiner has requested a no-parking restriction on N Water Street due to safety concerns. The attached ordinance would prohibit parking in the area shown as yellow in the photo below.



List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Ordinance 818-26

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
ORDINANCE NO. 818-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 98-77(5)
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING
PARKING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT**

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1. Section 98-77(5) is created to now read as follows:
 - (5) There shall be no parking on the west side of Water Street from its intersection with East James Street to the northern border of the municipal parking lot owned by the City identified as Tax Parcel No. 94.
2. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication or posting, as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole / Common Council Meeting

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Item Title: Appointment of additional 2026 – 2027 Election Inspectors

Submitted By: Susan Caine, Clerk

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: State Statutes require that every even numbered year new 2-year terms begin for the municipality's Election Inspectors and the Mayor of each city shall nominate to the governing body, Election Inspectors for each voting district to be approved. At this time additional applicants can be appointed. All applicants for Election Inspector must meet the following qualifications:

1. Shall be a qualified elector for Columbia County
2. Shall be able to read and write the English language
3. Shall be capable
4. Shall be of good understanding
5. Shall not be a Candidate to be voted for at an election at which they serve
6. Shall attend training sessions held for the City of Columbus election officials

The following citizens are requesting application for Election Inspector for the 2026 – 2027, 2-year term:

Elizabeth Gilbertson
 Ryan Rostad
 David Stira

List all Supporting Documentation Attached: None.

Action Requested of Council: Approval of the above-named Election Inspectors for the City of Columbus, Wisconsin for the 2026 – 2027, 2-year term, with the possibility of other citizens joining during this term.