

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

JUNE 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chair, Melani Matthews. Present were Melani Matthews, Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Adrien Miller, and Steve Nemeth. Absent: none. Also present were Ben Wheeler, Kym Wheeler, Grace VanCamp, two city officers, and guests Robin Matthews, Chuck George, Chris Clabaugh, and Andrew Britton.

Melani closed the regular meeting at 6:31 and opened a Public Hearing to consider the yearly Capital Improvement Plan. There was some discussion on sidewalk replacement. You can see the suggested schedule and order by viewing the Master Plan and the printout Capital Improvement Program 2027-2031. Kym shared responses on this topic and on available funding sources, which also came up for discussion. It is noted that this is a plan and work is done dependent upon the funding obtained. Chad made a motion, seconded by Adrien, to close the Public Hearing at 6:54. Motion carried 5-0.

Melani reopened the regular meeting. There was one addition to Old Business.

REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: 123 Michigan Street-- Warren had a question about the performing service inside requirement for fixing a flat tire when sometimes it might be easily and quickly done outside if immediate space is not available inside. Steve also saw this as somewhat of a gray area. As such it remains with no particular action taken.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Adrien made a motion, seconded by Warren, to recommend the Capital Improvement Recommendation, Resolution 2026-01, to City Council. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Steve volunteered to represent the Planning Commission on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He had a question of how often it meets, which is it hasn't met much in the past.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robin had a question about the difference between a technician and mechanic. The answer shared is that there really isn't any with no state definition for mechanic.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: None. Chad made a motion, seconded by Steve, to adjourn at 7:12. Motion carried 5-0.