



**MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 6, 2026
LENEXA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY FORUM, 17101 W 87th STREET PARKWAY
LENEXA, KS 66219**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sayers called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Handley, Eiterich, Charlton, Nicks, Bell, Williamson, Denny, and Herron were present with Mayor Sayers presiding.

Staff present included Beccy Yocham, City Manager; Todd Pelham, Deputy City Manager; Mike Nolan, Assistant City Manager; Scott McCullough, Community Development Director; Sean McLaughlin, City Attorney; Jennifer Martin, City Clerk; and other City staff.

APPROVE MINUTES

Councilmember Denny made a motion to approve the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Eiterich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bid award to VF Anderson Builders for the Brighton Subdivision Stormwater Improvements Project
Routine inspections by City staff identified numerous pipes in need of rehabilitation in the Brighton, Hickory Woods, and Rosewood neighborhoods. VF Anderson Builders bid \$1,705,340.00 to perform the work.
2. Approval of a development agreement with Luxe, LLC related to the residential project's stormwater management
Luxe, LLC is constructing a residential development that must comply with the City's stormwater management and water quality regulations. To comply, on-site stormwater detention and best management practice (BMP) facilities will be constructed in accordance with an approved site development plan. The developer will also provide a letter of credit for \$29,792.50 to ensure the required BMPs are constructed.

3. Approval of an engineering agreement with Lamp Ryneearson for the design of the Mill Creek Stormwater Improvements - Southeast
This agreement is for the design of the replacement and/or lining of aging corrugated metal pipe, the replacement of stormwater inlets, and the associated restoration of disturbed areas. The City was awarded Johnson County Stormwater Management Program funds for the construction of the improvements. The total design cost is \$159,100.91.
4. Approval of an agreement with Johnson County for 2026 County Assistance Road System Program funding for the Santa Fe Trail Drive from 95th Street to South City Limit Public Improvements Project
The City has received 2026 County Assistance Road System (CARS) Program funding for the Santa Fe Trail Drive from 95th Street to the South City Limit Public Improvements Project. The total CARS funding for the project is 50% of the project cost, not to exceed \$825,000. The total estimated project cost is \$1,654,339.
5. Consideration of the approval of two agreements regarding the Stormwater Master Plan
 - a. Approval of an agreement with Black & Veatch to create two adaptive Stormwater Master Plan dashboards
 - b. Approval of an agreement with George Butler Associates, Inc. for water quality testing of lakes/ponds and streams within Lenexa
This dynamic database comprises a series of dashboards containing valuable information for decision-making on flood control, green infrastructure, infrastructure replacement, stream health, and other critical areas. Black & Veatch will develop the second and third of six dashboards for \$171,098. Staff will also contract with GBA to collect water quality data from the City's lakes and ponds, two stream locations, and perform surveys of the lakes for \$181,658.
6. Approval of an agreement with Environmental Systems Research, Inc. for geographic information system software
This agreement renews the City's current geographic information system software license and establishes a fixed price of \$60,300 per year for a three-year term at a total cost of \$180,900.
7. Approval of the First Amendment to the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc.
While planning for the FIFA World Cup and beyond, the Police Department has identified several new Axon Enterprise, Inc. products that it would like to purchase for \$556,773.17.
8. Approval of Addendum #1 to the contract with Integrity Locating Services, Inc. for underground facilities locating and marking services
This addendum updates the unit price schedule and extends the contract with Integrity Locating Services, Inc. for an additional one-year term. The proposed 2026 contract amount is \$220,000.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Williamson made a motion to approve items 1 through 8 on the consent agenda and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Resolution adopting the fiscal year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

The recommended fiscal year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program is approximately \$273.3 million and includes funding for 61 capital projects.

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, presented the recommended fiscal year (FY) 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which funds 61 capital projects totaling \$273.3 million. Major funding sources include \$81.4 million in General Fund revenues, \$75.5 million in general obligation bonds, and \$48.4 million from the voter-approved 3/8-cent sales tax for parks and pavement. He said the key expenditure categories are streets, bridges, and traffic (\$169 million); facilities (\$36.8 million); and stormwater projects (about \$33 million). He noted the CIP also includes the \$5.7 million Britton Street Special Benefit District (SBD) project, which was approved after the draft CIP and will be funded solely by the properties benefiting from the improvements.

Mr. Blum said a public hearing was held December 16, with citizen comments focused on the 83rd Street project and the Monticello Road roundabout. The Planning Commission reviewed the CIP the prior evening and found it consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Nick Arena, Municipal Services Director, provided additional context on the Clare Road and Monticello Road roundabout projects, noting that completing Clare Road in 2026 is critical to stay ahead of the 83rd Street project scheduled for 2027 and to avoid accelerated deterioration and higher future costs. Clare Road currently has a pavement condition index (PCI) of 52, which is poor, with noticeable rutting since the last major work in 2020, while Monticello Road has a PCI of 37, which is very poor, and has not seen major work since 2016. Both projects include mill and overlay of roadways approaching the roundabouts, trail enhancements, and related improvements, with the Monticello project also including resurfacing of parking lots at Black Hoof Park.

Councilmember Nicks raised concerns about the lack of progress by the City of Olathe in committing to the Lone Elm Interchange project in the CIP, emphasizing the importance of that connection for Lenexa.

Beccy Yocham, City Manager, confirmed that a Committee of the Whole meeting later in January would focus on further discussion of the 83rd Street project, including a review of options and prior considerations. She

noted that while adoption of the CIP was being requested now, the Council could amend the CIP in the future if changes or additional funding were desired, though staff's recommendation is to proceed with the fully funded design currently included.

Councilmember Handley made a motion to approve Item 9 and Councilmember Herron seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nicks stated an intention to vote no based solely on his concerns related to the interchange, while expressing support for the remainder of the projects and amenities included in the plan.

Motion passed 7-1 with Councilmember Nicks voting against.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Sayers congratulated Eric Schmitz, Police Chief, and Kristin Crow, Interim Human Resources Director, on their recent appointments. She encouraged people to volunteer with the Helping Hands program Mondays at 4 PM at the Old Town Activity Center.

STAFF REPORTS

Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Governing Body that members would receive an email from Susanne Neely on Monday regarding the long-discussed Ad Astra sculpture project. He reviewed the process to date, noting that staff issued a call for artists, the Arts Council reviewed the submissions, and the proposals have been narrowed to seven finalists. The Governing Body will participate in reviewing and scoring these proposals and will receive instructions by email on how to vote, with responses due by Friday. The scoring will include input from the Governing Body, the Arts Council, and select staff members. Following the scoring, he said the Arts Council will compile the results, make a determination, and bring a formal recommendation to the City Council for approval and next steps.

END OF RECORDED SESSION

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

Gene Senesac, 11680 S. Zarda Drive, spoke about the importance of fiscal discipline and expense management, as well as how tax increases impact residents, particularly senior citizens. He urged continued scrutiny of expenditures and responsiveness to public concerns about affordability and taxation.

Dan Wilkus, 24776 W. 90th Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed Habitat for Humanity development, noting the 2018 request for proposal (RFP) requirements for the property. He spoke about equity and process concerns, departure from the RFPs original vision, and long-term impacts of the project. He asked the City Council to remain neutral, exercise fiscal and procedural prudence, and require a new RFP process.

Andy Keith, 8116 Monrovia Street, spoke in opposition to the use of surveillance technology, particularly automated license plate readers and body-worn cameras, and about his concerns regarding its data collection and retention, the right to privacy and civil liberties. He urged the City Council to consider constitutional protections and appropriate limits on government surveillance.

David Hanks, 22635 W. 89th Street, spoke about attending the January Planning Commission meeting and said he was disappointed with the process through which it approved the CIP. He spoke about current CIP projects under construction and questioned the City's capacity to manage large projects effectively when he sees smaller projects ongoing for months. He asked the Council to consider increased public input opportunities at Planning Commission meetings and to review how CIP projects are evaluated and advanced.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Denny made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

/s/ Jennifer Martin
City Clerk