



**MINUTES OF THE
AUGUST 18, 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 August 4, 2026 City Council meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Bid award to Mayer Specialty Services, LLC for the Strang Line Road Streetlight & Stormwater Improvements Project
Routine inspections identified numerous pipes in need of rehabilitation in the commercial area along Strang Line Road, south of College Boulevard. Mayer Specialty Services, LLC bid \$1,116,307.34 to perform the work.
2. Acceptance of the Western Fueling Station & Salt Storage Facility Project at Freedom Fields for maintenance
This project replaced a 750-ton salt storage structure with a new 2,000-ton facility. It also constructed a 20,000-gallon above-ground fuel storage tank, a fueling island with two gasoline and two diesel dispensers, a canopy over the fueling area, and a fuel tank monitoring system. The total cost of construction was \$2,965,421.38.
3. Acceptance of the Green Prairie Pavement Reconstruction Project for maintenance
This project reconstructed 3.82 lane-miles of roadway. Work included sub-grade modifications, new base and surface asphalt, replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter, sidewalk panels and ADA ramps, and placement of new streetlights and street signs throughout the Green Prairie neighborhood, on Summit Street north of 91st

Terrace, and on Bradshaw Street north of 103rd Street. The City's total cost was \$3,416,346.59.

4. Acceptance of utility and sidewalk easements and rights-of-way as shown on Lenexa Fire Station 6 Final Plat
The final plat is for a one-lot subdivision containing 12.5 acres. The site is the former City Hall and Police Station site to be redeveloped in phases. The intal phase is a new Fire Station 6. Easements and right-of-way are being dedicated to the City as part of the final plat.
5. Approval of Change Order #1 to the contract with McAnany Construction, Inc. for the 2026 Pavement Management Program - Thoroughfare and Industrial Streets Mill and Overlay Project
Projects within the 2026 Pavement Management Program (PMP) received favorable bids that were more than \$700,000 below the engineer's estimates. Staff identified Lackman Road from 87th Street Parkway to 95th Street and Ridge Drive from 95th Street to Renner Boulevard as candidates to be added to the project to use the available funding. This change order adds 5.05 lane-miles of 2-inch asphalt mill and overlay to the project for a cost of \$782,817.20.
6. Approval of Change Order #2 to the contract with HNTB for the design of the 87th Street Parkway Traffic Signals - Scarborough to Winchester Project
The City previously approved a contract with HNTB for design services for the project. During design, it was discovered that several existing ramps were not ADA compliant and staff asked HNTB to submit a cost proposal to perform additional design services. The cost of Change Order #2 is \$65,496.
7. Approval of an agreement to become an Affiliated Provider under an Event Reporting System Agreement between the Center for Patient Safety and the Johnson County Medical Director's Office
The Johnson County Office of Medical Director (OMD) is preparing to utilize a new event reporting software system for medical treatment errors. Approval of this agreement will give the Lenexa Fire Department access to and use of the new system as an Affiliated Provider under the OMD's account.
8. Approval of an engineering agreement with Bartlett & West for design of the Monrovia Street, 79th Street to 83rd Street, Sidewalk Gap Project
Addressing sidewalk connectivity issues is a major goal of the Sidewalk and Trail Repair Program. Staff recommends contracting Bartlett & West, Inc. for design and consulting services related to this project for a total cost of \$139,892.
9. Approval of an amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Vireo, LLC for additional design, construction documents, and construction administration of the Black Hoof Southern Connection
The City contracted Vireo, LLC to conduct a Trail Alignment Study, which identified priority segments for the enhancement and expansion of the trail system. The Black Hoof Southern Connection has been determined as the first priority. This amendment will expand the consultant's scope of services to encompass additional design, public engagement, the creation of construction documents, and the provision of construction administration, observation, and oversight for a cost of \$96,020.

10. Approval of Addendum Six to the Employment Agreement with the City Manager
The proposed addendum extends the City's Manager employment agreement until December 31, 2026 and revises compensation terms.
11. Resolution approving the closure of Penrose Lane from eastbound 87th Street Parkway to 88th Street for a special "Red Friday" Night Sound Bites on September 11, 2026
The Public Market plans to host a Kansas City Chiefs-themed "Red Friday" Night Sound Bites. The road closure will allow the Public Market to obtain a temporary event permit from the Kansas Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to extend the licensed/permitted premises onto the street for the event.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve items 1 through 11 on the consent agenda and Councilmember Nicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public hearing to consider repairs or demolition of the fire-damaged structure at 20826 W. 89th Terrace - **CANCELED AT THE REQUEST OF STAFF**

Item 12 was canceled at the request of staff.

13. Consideration of a right-of-way vacation located on the southwest corner of 85th Terrace & Monrovia Street

- a. Public hearing to consider a request to vacate right-of-way

- b. Ordinance vacating right-of-way

This application is to vacate right-of-way that is not needed for any existing portion, extension, or expansion of the public street. A utility easement is being retained for this property.

Stephanie Sullivan, Planning Manager, said this is a request to vacate approximately 4,300 square feet of right-of-way (ROW) near the southwest corner of 85th Terrace & Monrovia Street. She said the triangular parcel would become part of the future Fire Station 6 site. She noted that necessary utility easements would be retained, and existing utilities and municipal infrastructure would not be affected.

Ms. Sullivan said staff determined the request met all review standards and recommended conducting the required public hearing and approving the vacation.

Mayor Sayers opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

No one from the public spoke.

Councilmember Bell made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilmember Eiterich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 7:04 PM.

Councilmember Denny made a motion to approve Item 13b and Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

14. Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget
Staff will provide an update on the fiscal year 2027 Recommended Budget.

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the recommended fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget, which is based on the City's established budget principles. He presented a total budget comparison chart reflecting the proposed FY 2027 \$275.2 million budget as a 5.6% increase over the FY 2026 adopted budget. He talked about Operational Funds increasing 4.4%, primarily because the Public Safety sales tax revenue was moved to the debt service fund to pay debt associated with the Justice Center. He noted that the sales tax is scheduled to expire at the end of the first quarter of 2027. He said that Special Revenue Funds, which are restricted to designated purposes, and Economic Development Funds, which are pass-through funds unavailable for City operations, would increase by a combined 9.7%.

Mr. Blum said the budget assumes a 3.3% increase in assessed valuation, with nearly two-thirds of the increase resulting from new development requiring additional city infrastructure and services. He noted the City also expects to receive approximately \$335,000 in property tax revenue from three properties with expiring industrial revenue bonds (IRBs), an increase of \$144,000 over the prior year.

Mr. Blum said staff recommended reducing the mill levy by 0.25 mill to an estimated 25.984 mills. He said that since 2018, the City's mill levy has declined by 5.848 mills, from 31.832 mills, representing an estimated annual reduction of \$11.4 million. He noted that reaching the revenue neutral rate would require an additional \$1.2 million reduction beyond the proposed mill levy decrease. He pointed out that Lenexa was expected to be the only major Johnson County jurisdiction proposing a mill levy reduction for 2027, although its proposed rate would remain above the revenue neutral rate. He said property tax revenue was projected to increase 2.4%, compared with a 2.5% core inflation rate through July.

Mr. Blum said no changes were recommended to major user fees, including stormwater service and capital charges. The budget includes six additional full-time positions, including three in Police and public safety and one each in Municipal Services, Stormwater, and Parks and Recreation. He said General Fund expenditures would increase 3.2%, with reductions in commodities and capital outlay partially offsetting higher personnel and contractual service costs.

Mr. Blum said the public hearings on the revenue neutral rate and proposed 2027 budget were scheduled for September 1st.

Mayor Sayers invited public comment.

Sharon Lab, 8844 Houston Street, asked how much the City could reduce its

property tax rate while maintaining its reserve policy, AAA credit rating, and planned services; how adopting the revenue neutral rate would affect general fund reserves; how much additional property tax revenue would be generated by exceeding the revenue neutral rate; and what expenses require that revenue. She also asked what justifies maintaining general fund reserves at 38% when the target is 35%. She talked about the number of items being approved through the consent agenda without discussion or an opportunity for public comment and encouraged the City to review its practices to ensure transparency and public participation.

Gaylene Van Horn, 8131 Rosehill Road, asked about the City's spending, noting that approximately \$8.6 million in expenditures had been approved without discussion and that the proposed budget totaled \$275.2 million. She said expenses should be reduced because rising costs are making it difficult for some longtime residents to remain in their homes. She questioned the delay in implementing livestreaming of meetings if the necessary equipment was available and implementation would have no budget impact. She asked the Governing Body to expedite the required procedural changes and be more responsive to residents seeking information about how their property tax dollars are spent.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

There were no councilmember reports.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

END OF RECORDED SESSION

BUSINESS FROM FLOOR

There was no business from the floor.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Demetri, a scout in Troop 428, attended the meeting for his Citizenship in the Community badge.

/s/ Jennifer Martin
City Clerk