



**MINUTES OF THE
JULY 8, 2025
LENEXA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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 Eiterich, Charlton, Nicks, Arroyo, Williamson, Denny, and Herron were present with Mayor Sayers presiding. Councilmember Handley was absent.

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 June 24, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. FY 2026 Recommended Budget - Fund/Department Review

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, began by presenting the schedule for the budget process, saying he would present a resolution at the July 15th City Council meeting to set the budget public hearings for September 2nd and set the maximum budget amount. He said questions can be emailed to budget@lenexa.com and staff will post the questions and answers on the City's website. He said this meeting would be for the departments to present their budgets and to answer the Governing Body's questions.

Mr. Blum reviewed the questions that have been received regarding the recommended budget and their answers, which were included in the meeting packet.

Councilmember Nicks said a resident gave him a list of questions tonight, and he will give it to staff for follow-up after the meeting.

Staff presented each department's proposed budget, including accomplishments and future opportunities, department efficiencies, World Cup impacts, and any major

budget changes for 2026. Governing Body questions were answered by staff throughout the presentations.

Mr. Blum reiterated that a resolution would be on the July 15th City Council meeting agenda to set the September 2nd public hearings. He also mentioned that the budget contains several economic development and special revenue funds; explaining that special revenue funds are restricted based on the revenue source. He talked about the tourism fund being significantly impacted by the World Cup next year, with full hotels expected, and using that fund for future requests for eligible expenditures.

Councilmembers thanked staff for including the efficiencies in their presentations and for reporting on how the World Cup will impact their work.

Councilmember Nicks asked for a list of the department requests that were made, but not recommended, and Mr. Blum agreed to provide that.

Mayor Sayers reiterated that questions could still be emailed to budget@lenexa.com and staff would make those questions and their answers available to the public on the City's website.

ADJOURN

Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

/s/ Jennifer Martin
City Clerk