



**MINUTES OF THE
DECEMBER 9, 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 Charlton, Nicks, Bell, Williamson, Denny, and Herron were present with Mayor Sayers presiding. Councilmembers Handley and Eiterich were 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 October 14, 2025 City Council meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

1. Recommended fiscal year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, explained that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process occurs in three stages beginning with this meeting's staff presentations. The second stage is a public hearing that will be on December 16th and the last is the voting meeting on January 6th where the City Council will consider adoption of the recommended CIP.

Mr. Blum presented a high-level overview of the recommended fiscal year (FY) 2026–2030 CIP, noting that materials provided included a list of high-priority unfunded projects and a citywide map showing CIP project locations. He explained that the recommended CIP includes 60 funded projects over five years, totaling \$267.6 million. Of these, he said there are 14 new projects totaling \$24.2 million (some originating from previously unfunded priority lists), and 46 ongoing or previously approved projects totaling \$243.4 million, many moving from the design phase into construction.

Mr. Blum explained that the CIP aligns with the City's strategic priorities and voter-approved funding, particularly the 3/8-cent sales tax supporting pavement management and parks. He said major themes include infrastructure

preservation, equipment replacement, and facility maintenance, while maintaining flexibility to respond to economic pressures if adjustments are needed. He said the key financial assumptions include a stable mill levy, a stormwater service charge remaining at \$109 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU), and reliance on three primary funding sources that make up about 68% of the CIP: General Fund revenues, General Obligation bonds, and the 3/8¢ sales tax. For expenditures, he noted 88% of CIP spending is concentrated in three areas: critical infrastructure (streets, bridges, traffic), facilities (including full construction of Fire Station 6), and stormwater projects.

Mr. Blum highlighted a few key CIP projects including pavement management, 83rd Street improvements, Fire Station 6, ongoing stormwater infrastructure replacement, and trail expansion.

Department staff presented details on each of the projects in the recommended CIP, answering questions for the Governing Body in the process.

Specific discussions included the following:

Councilmember Charlton asked what steps it would take to get the K-7 Highway/95th Street interchange to a point where funding is pursued, referencing recent multifamily approvals and prior capacity conversations. Tim Green, City Engineer, responded that the intersection is nearing capacity and it is time to start evaluating options like full replacement or widening, and offered a rough estimate of \$35 million for a full interchange reconstruction.

Councilmember Nicks asked about Olathe's commitment to connect on the south side of the K-10 Highway/Lone Elm Road interchange. Beccy Yocham, City Manager, relayed KDOT's update that discussions were continuing but no agreement is in place yet. Councilmember Nicks emphasized he did not want to proceed on that project without that agreement and requested to review plans as soon as they're available.

Councilmember Herron asked whether pedestrian safety is considered in bridge reviews, citing a past resident concern about biking on the K-7 Highway/95th Street bridge without adequate fencing. Mr. Green said they do review these issues and Ms. Yocham added that pedestrian accommodations would be expected in a future interchange upgrade. Councilmember Nicks and Mr. Green discussed the risk of only having a low barrier and whether additional fencing could improve safety. Mr. Green agreed to look into it and coordination with KDOT would be needed.

Councilmember Nicks asked about lane configuration for the 83rd Street project and Mr. Green said it has short left-turn lanes and will need future improvements. Councilmember Nicks asked why a median and roundabouts were recommended instead of a continuous left-turn lane. Mr. Green explained the corridor has higher-than-average crashes and roundabouts reduce conflict points and improve safety. He noted that a typical four-foot-wide median can require additional bump-outs for U-turns. Mr. Green also described issues with

two-way left-turn lanes and access conflicts; reviewed the impacts of aligning side streets, including potential impacts to properties; and introduced newer bicycle guidance suggesting separated bike lanes or shared-lane/trail use at higher speeds/volumes. He offered an alternative concept of eliminating bike lanes, keeping trail/shared lanes, and widening the median to preserve future turn-lane options. Councilmember Herron asked whether bikers could still use the trail and Mr. Green said yes. Mayor Sayers asked whether the \$13.6 million budget covered these options and Mr. Green said it should. Mayor Sayers said she would like to defer discussion on this until Ward 1 councilmembers could participate. Ms. Yocham said that staff included this design for the continuous median with two roundabouts after discussion with the Council previously and continuing the discussion at a later time can be scheduled. Mr. Green added that having a later discussion would not delay utility relocations or delay the project.

Mr. Blum reviewed the unfunded high priority projects list, which totals approximately \$51 million, and the CIP process timeline that continues with a public hearing at the City Council meeting on December 16th and Planning Commission review at its January 5th meeting. The CIP will be considered for approval by the Governing Body on January 6th.

ADJOURN

Beccy Yocham, City Manager, asked the Governing Body to let her know if they would not be available for an updated group photo on January 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Sayers adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM.

/s/ Jennifer Martin
City Clerk