



## **Agenda**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GOVERNING BODY  
CITY OF LENEXA, KANSAS  
17101 W. 87TH STREET PARKWAY**

**JULY 28, 2020  
7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

July 14, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes

### **DISCUSSION**

1. Climate Action KC discussion

### **ADJOURN**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
JULY 14, 2020  
LENEXA SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
LENEXA POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM – 12500 W 87<sup>th</sup> ST PKWY  
LENEXA, KS 66219**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Boehm called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Karlin, Eiterich, Roh, Hunt, Sayers, and Stuke were present with Mayor Boehm presiding. Councilmembers Nicks and Nolte were absent.

Beccy Yocham, City Manager; Todd Pelham, Deputy City Manager; Mike Nolan, Assistant to the City Manager; Sean McLaughlin, City Attorney; and other City staff were present.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

June 30, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes

*Councilmember Roh made a motion to approve the June 30, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**DISCUSSION**

1. Police Department Use of Force Policy review and department update  
*Police Department staff will provide a review of the department's use of force techniques and policy and an update on the LPD's action in light of George Floyd's death and the recent Black Lives Matter protests. The Governing Body will also discuss whether it desires to adopt a joint statement on racial justice.*

Police Department staff presented the Governing Body with a review of the department's use of force techniques and department policies.

The information that was presented can be found on the Police Department's website at

[https://lenexa.com/news/what\\_s\\_new/l\\_p\\_d\\_outlines\\_department\\_practices](https://lenexa.com/news/what_s_new/l_p_d_outlines_department_practices) and includes training and professional services; mental health; use of force investigation; accountability; professional organizations & best practices in law enforcement; and community engagement.

Mayor Boehm recessed the meeting for a 10-minute break at 7:48 PM.  
The meeting continued at 7:58 PM.

The Governing Body discussed racial justice and recent events across the country. Staff was asked to draft a statement on racial justice for presentation to the Governing Body at a future meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Boehm adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEMORANDUM

### ITEM 1

**SUBJECT:** Climate Action KC discussion

**CONTACT:** Scott McCullough, Community Development Director

**DATE:** July 28, 2020

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#### **PROJECT BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION:**

Staff reviewed the Climate Action KC Playbook published in December 2019 to determine where the City stands on the recommendations contained in the report. Staff will provide a review of current City policies, codes, and practices for the City Council's consideration. The playbook can be found [here](#).

Work on the playbook began in 2018 with a partnership of 100 elected officials, two states, 25 municipalities, county government, school districts, water agencies, and colleges. It is intended to be a playbook to advance climate solutions on the local level in the Kansas City region.

The playbook includes recommended actions and policies to reduce pollution and its negative effects. The actions are built around six sectors:

- Buildings and Cities
- Electricity Generation
- Food
- Land Use
- Materials
- Transportation

The playbook provides a menu of ideas ready to implement at the local level via a regional approach that relieved individual cities from each having to reinvent solutions. It encourages local governments to choose a strategy appropriate for them:

- Lead By Example
- Encourage Action (by the private sector)
- Enact Policies (to ensure private sector participation)
- City resources (staffing, fiscal) and stakeholder perspectives should be taken into account when considering new strategies to pursue. Strategies at the local level can include public outreach and education, new programs, or code amendments that would implement a new requirement for the private sector to employ.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Report
2. Presentation

# Climate Action KC Discussion

## July 28, 2020 City Council

Staff reviewed the Climate Action KC Playbook recently published to determine where the city stands on the recommendations contained in the report and offers the following review for the Council's consideration. The Playbook can be found here: [https://www.marc.org/Environment/Climate-Action/pdf/Climate\\_Action\\_Playbook.aspx](https://www.marc.org/Environment/Climate-Action/pdf/Climate_Action_Playbook.aspx)

### **Buildings and Cities**

#### Things we do well

- Adopt Strong Building Codes – 2018 ICC codes and 2012 Energy Code.
- Switch municipal lighting to LED – Street and facility interior lighting.
- When needed, replacing HVAC and water heaters in city-owned facilities with high efficiency models.
- Utilize a Green Cleaning Policy for city facilities that minimizes exposures to occupants and personnel.
- Signed agreement with KCP&L to participate in the Renewable Energy Program that will allow the City to purchase wind/green energy for all city-owned facilities.
- Educate public on certain green initiatives – recycling and stormwater management.
- Manage regional stormwater facilities.
- Recycling within the organization.
- Parks initiatives
  - All irrigation is managed with the most efficient master control system available which not only measures rainfall but evaporation in the soil to determine water needs.
  - Mowing schedules are reduced whenever possible dependent on land use.
  - Bluebird Trails Program, Lenexa parks provide a great habitat for nest boxes to extend efforts to reestablish local bluebird populations.
  - Adopt A Spot program allows residents to participate in keeping parks, streams and streets clean in Lenexa.

#### Other strategies to consider

- Enhance the energy code.
- Improve staff training and enforcement of the energy code.
- Train city staff in energy efficient behavior.
- Adopt solar-friendly codes and reduce permit fees for solar or other energy reducing installations.
- Adopt a solar ready roof ordinance.

- Require water efficiency measures through building codes.
- Enhance the city-operated public composting program.
- Revise construction specifications for public improvements to be more sustainable (use more recycled material for example).
- Benchmarking private buildings.
- Require new private buildings to build to a green building standard (building, site sustainability, water use, energy use, indoor air quality).
- Install solar panels on existing city-owned buildings.
- Create a salvaged wood program.
- Revise purchasing policy to reduce carbon footprint and purchase items with recycled content.
- Generate greater public awareness on green initiatives.

## **Land Use**

### Things we do well

- Street trees and requirements for landscaping, including encouraging native plant species in developments.
- Require stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) for private development.
- City's use of native plants in landscape/storm water projects.
- Stormwater cost share program to implement stormwater BMPs.
- Stream setback ordinance.
- Require solid waste haulers to offer recycling for commercial and multi-family customers.
- Tree City USA – 33 Years.
- Promote and operate a community garden program in multiple locations.
- Removing invasive plants in public ways.

### Other strategies to consider

- Consider permitting accessory dwelling units.
- Plan for denser, more walkable neighborhoods with a fuller mix of uses.
- Create better connectivity between neighborhoods and activity centers.
- Amend code to allow/promote urban agriculture on typical-sized residential lots.
- Participate in a regional climate mitigation/adaptation plan.

## **Transportation**

### Things we do well

- Complete Streets policy.
- Sidewalk repair.

- Extensive trail system.
- Replacing current fleet with high efficiency vehicles.

#### Other strategies to consider

- Enhance the code requirement for sidewalks in all zoning districts.
- Enhance connectivity between neighborhoods where cul-de-sacs exist.
- Consider reducing minimum on-site parking requirements.
- Amend codes to require electric-vehicle ready parking in certain instances.
- Amend codes to require a minimum number of bicycle parking be provided for certain uses.
- Install electric car charging stations in and around city owned facilities.
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# Climate Action KC

## Climate Action Playbook

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July 28, 2020



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## Next Steps

- New programs
- Revise code
- Public outreach/education
- Staff and resource considerations