



**MINUTES OF THE  
JUNE 4, 2024  
LENEXA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COMMUNITY FORUM, 17101 W 87<sup>th</sup> STREET PARKWAY  
LENEXA, KS 66219**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sayers called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

*Councilmember Eiterich made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024 City Council meeting draft minutes and Councilmember Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Lenexa Barbecue Month  
LGBTQ Pride Month  
National Gun Violence Awareness Day

**PRESENTATIONS**

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Nate Blum, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Chester Moyer, RubinBrown partner, to present the FY 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Mr. Moyer talked about the audit process and reviewed the executive summary from the report, which highlighted required communications from the formal report. He said they have issued the highest level audit, an unmodified, clean opinion. He noted that City staff did an excellent job pulling together the reports this year and said there were no matters reportable in the management letter or the single audit or the firefighter's relief association audit.

Mr. Moyer talked about assessing near-term financial position, the general fund summary, the government-wide statement of net position, and investment earnings. He added that the City holds investments to maturity.

Councilmember Karlin thanked Mr. Blum and the Finance team for their work and congratulated them on a job well done.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance for maintenance
  - a. Acceptance of the Watercrest Landing, Fourth Plat, public improvements for maintenance  
*This project constructed public street, storm, and streetlight improvements in the Watercrest Landing, Fourth Plat subdivision. The work was privately funded.*
  - b. Acceptance of the Watercrest Landing, Fifth Plat, public improvements for maintenance  
*This project constructed public street, storm, and streetlight improvements in the Watercrest Landing, Fifth Plat subdivision. The work was privately funded.*
2. Approval to purchase a Bobcat T26 compact track skid steer loader for Municipal Services  
*The stormwater division will use this equipment. This purchase award is through a cooperative purchasing agreement for a total cost of \$77,966.*

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Eiterich made a motion to approve items 1 through 2 on the consent agenda and Councilmember Nicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. Approval of Lenexa Arts Council's 2024 recommendations for public art priority locations  
*Annually, the Lenexa Arts Council submits a list of priority locations for public art to the Governing Body for approval.*

Logan Wagler, Parks and Recreation Director, talked about the Committee of the Whole meeting discussion in May regarding the public art priority list. He said staff took the Governing Body's feedback regarding adding an indoor piece of art at the Lenexa Justice Center to the priority list to the Lenexa Arts Council (LAC) and the LAC agreed to the addition.

Mr. Wagler presented a map of the City reflecting the locations of public art.

*Councilmember Denny made a motion to approve Item 3 and Councilmember Williamson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Public hearing to consider fiscal year 2025 Community Development Block Grant infrastructure projects

*A public hearing to solicit input on potential infrastructure projects is required to receive fiscal year 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds.*

Tim Green, Deputy Community Development Director/City Engineer, said that this is a public hearing for 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. He talked about how the City receives CDBG funds from the County through a memorandum of understanding, which he will bring to the City Council at a future meeting for approval. He said staff has allocated these funds in previous years toward a streetlight public improvement project, receiving about \$190,000 each year. Staff is requesting to continue streetlight replacement in 2025. With each streetlight costing about \$10,000 to install, he said the City typically pays an additional \$110,000 to have a \$300,000 project and install about 25 streetlights. He said he feels this is a good improvement in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Green said that staff recommends continuing the streetlight replacement in the Candlelight Square and Tuxedo subdivisions, which are in the vicinity of 87th Street Parkway & Pflumm Road, in 2025.

Mr. Green said that a public hearing is required to see if there are any other suggested projects from the public.

Mr. Green presented a map of the areas where streetlights have been replaced over the past four years.

Mayor Sayers asked how many streetlights have been completed to date and how many are left. Mr. Green said that all 7,500 been changed over to LED, but they are now working to upgrade the old wood poles to City standards with the correct spacing. He said he would get Mayor Sayers the number of remaining streetlights to replace.

Mayor Sayers opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM.

No one from the public spoke.

*Councilmember Denny made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilmember Karlin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

The public hearing closed at 7:24 PM.

## NEW BUSINESS

5. Resolution approving a Governing Body Finance Policy for a Property Tax Rebate Program

*The fiscal year 2024 budget includes \$100,000 to fund a Property Tax Rebate Pilot Program ("Program"). The Program is intended to provide property tax relief for eligible*

*homeowners and lessen the tax burden resulting from rising home values by offering property tax rebates to eligible homeowners for the City's share of their property taxes. The proposed Governing Body Policy sets out the parameters for eligibility and administration of the Program.*

Kyle Glaser, Economic Development Analyst, reviewed the proposed program parameters, which were initially presented and discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting May 14th.

Mr. Glaser said every applicant must meet the eligibility criteria for the program year. He said that the rebate payments would be calculated on pro-rata share of available funds, up to a maximum of \$924. He reviewed the application procedures and requirements, saying applications would be accepted August 1st through October 31st.

Councilmembers Karlin and Denny shared concerns about applicants emailing the applications and documents containing personal information. Mr. Glaser responded that submittals could also be made in person or sent by mail.

Beccy Yocham, City Manager, said that staff would make sure that the submittals would be made in a secure manner through coordination with the IT and Legal Departments.

Councilmember Herron asked how people who do not have bank accounts would receive their rebates and Mr. Blum said that while direct deposit is preferred, checks could be written if necessary.

Councilmember Eiterich said she is happy this is coming to fruition.

Mayor Sayers reiterated that this is a pilot program and the funds were allocated in the 2024 budget.

*Councilmember Charlton made a motion to approve Item 5 and Councilmember Arroyo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

There were no councilmember reports.

## **STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS**

Scouts Jake and Danny attended the meeting for their Citizenship in the Community and Communications merit badges.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### 6. Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Blum said this is an unaudited, cash basis quarterly update report. He presented

the five key indicator areas and the rating scale and reported that the City's key revenues in the first quarter of 2024 have increased by \$500,000 or 1% compared to collections for the same quarter in 2023, primarily due to increased receipts of property, sales, and use taxes. He also said that expenditures are within budget.

Mr. Blum proceeded to go over the revenue, expenditure, reserve policy, debt management, investment, and economic indicators, which all had a green, positive outlook status. He reported that city and county sales tax is down.

Ms. Yocham said there would not be a Committee of the Whole meeting next Tuesday.

### **END OF RECORDED SESSION**

### **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR**

There was no business from the floor.

### **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

/s/ Jennifer Martin  
City Clerk