



City Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Council Chambers
749 Main Street
5:00 PM**

Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and the following members were present:

City Council:

**Mayor Chris Leh
Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Hamlington
Council member Josh Cooperman
Council member Caleb Dickinson (arrived at 5:09 pm)
Council member Deborah Fahey
Council member Dietrich Hoefner
Council member Judi Kern**

Absent:

Council member Dietrich Hoefner

Staff Present:

**Diana Langley, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney
Genny Kline, City Clerk**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS (00:01:09)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

City Clerk Kline read the statement required by the City Code.

City Attorney Kelly provided a statement outlining the authority for convening the executive session.

Mayor Leh moved to enter executive session; seconded by Council member Kern.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Fahey, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner, Dickinson

Council entered Executive Session at 5:07 pm.

Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:33 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT - DISCUSSION / DIRECTION / ACTION (01:30:30)

City Attorney Kelly stated the Executive Session was for the purpose of discussing potential real property acquisitions and dispositions. She noted that Council had such discussion and recommended Council discuss the matter and determine whether there is a motion.

Mayor Leh stated the discussion was related to 101 S. Taylor. Mayor Leh moved to direct the City Manager to terminate the contract; seconded by Council member Kern.

There was a brief discussion regarding public engagement; fiscal responsibility; the process of Executive Session, including clarification and comment from City Attorney Kelly.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Kern

Nay: Dickinson, Fahey, Cooperman

Absent: Hoefner

The motion received a tie vote and therefore failed.

Council member Kern recused herself and exited the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (01:55:05)

Council member Dickinson moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member Cooperman.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Fahey, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Kern, Hoefner

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE
CONSENT AGENDA (01:56:23)**

- None

CONSENT AGENDA (01:58:17)

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Arbor Day Proclamation
- C. Resolution No. 29, Series 2026 - A Resolution Approving a Construction Contract with Lightfield Enterprises, Inc.
- D. Resolution No. 30, Series 2026 - A Resolution Approving a Contract for Geotechnical Services to A.G. Wassenaar, Inc.
- E. Resolution No. 31, Series 2026 -A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Louisville Chamber of Commerce for Services
- F. Resolution No. 32, Series 2026 - A Resolution Approving a Land Dedication Agreement for the AdventHealth GDP Amendments
- G. Resolution No. 33, Series 2026 - A Resolution Approving Marshall Fire Permit Fee Refund Program to Remaining Rebuilds
- H. Resolution No. 34, Series 2026 -A Resolution Approving a Business Assistance Agreement with Wild Irish Incorporated for an Economic Development Project in the City of Louisville
- I. Emergency Water Main Break Repair - Budget Amendment

Mayor Pro Tem Hamlington moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Council member Cooperman.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Dickinson, Fahey

Nay: None

Absent: Kern, Hoefner

Council member Kern returned to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (01:58:37)

Mayor Leh attended the Metro Mayor's Caucus and noted the bill concerning RTD.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (02:01:03)

City Manager Langley announced the upcoming Open House at 101 S. Taylor scheduled for Saturday, and noted that the new restaurant at Coal Creek Golf Course will also host an Open House.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1920, SERIES 2026 - AN ORDINANCE REMOVING LOT 1, BLOCK 3, JEFFERSON PLACE SUBDIVISION FROM THE OLD TOWN OVERLAY AND ADDING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE - 1ST READING, SET PUBLIC HEARING (02:01:46)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Planner Cline-Gibson presented the staff report.

There were no questions by Council members.

Council member Kern moved Ordinance No. 1920, Series 2026 pass on the first reading and set the public hearing for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Council member Dickinson.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Dickinson, Fahey, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner

ORDINANCE NO. 1921, SERIES 2026 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING TEMPORARY SHORT-TERM RENTALS - 1ST READING, SET PUBLIC HEARING (02:07:53)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Council member Dickinson recused himself and exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Economic Vitality Manager Zarate presented the staff report.

Council posed several questions, which were acknowledged and addressed as part of the discussion.

Mayor Leh moved Ordinance No. 1921, Series 2026 pass on the first reading and set the public hearing for Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Council member Fahey.

No comments were offered by Council.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Fahey, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner, Dickinson

Council recessed briefly.

Council member Dickinson returned to the meeting at 7:31 pm

ORDINANCE NO. 1918, SERIES 2026 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE - 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING (ADVERTISED CITY OF LOUISVILLE WEBSITE 03/26/2026) (02:30:22)

Mayor Leh introduced the item and opened the public hearing.

Community Development Director Zuccaro presented the staff report.

Council posed questions, which were acknowledged and addressed as part of the discussion.

Chief Milan provided his opinion and addressed the condition of the entire deck assembly, including the decking material and the Douglas Fir wood beneath it. He also summarized the conversations he previously had with his board regarding the desire to have a fire-safe community.

Public Comments

- Tawnya Somauroo

There were no questions by Council members.

Public Comments

- None

Council shared their feedback and comments.

Council member Kern moved to approve Ordinance No. 1918, Series 2026, with an amendment to Sec. 18.80.070.A.2 to allow the exception for Class B composite decking; delete Sec. 15.80.80.B.1 to eliminate plantings in the five-foot defensible space; and amend Sec. 15.80.80.C.1 to include dormant grasses and weeds shall be mowed to a height not to exceed six inches; seconded by Mayor Leh.

Council had no further discussion.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Fahey, Kern
Nay: Dickinson
Absent: Hoefner

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (03:00:47)

City Attorney Kelly indicated there was no report.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (03:00:55)

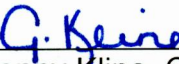
Council agreed on bringing forward updates to the home-hardening code to reflect the WUI code modifications permitting Class B decking. Council further directed that a facilities plan discussion be added to an upcoming agenda.

ADJOURN (03:02:23)

Council member Kern moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council member Fahey.

Aye: Leh, Hamlington, Cooperman, Dickinson, Fahey, Kern
Nay: None
Absent: Hoefner

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.


Genny Kline, City Clerk




Christopher M. Leh, Mayor