

City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM

Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Council member Deborah Fahey
Council member Dietrich Hoefner
Council member Judi Kern (arrived at 6:02 pm)

Staff Present:

Diana Langley, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Genny Kline, City Clerk

REGULAR BUSINESS

PRESENTATION: BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – Defining the Path Forward: A Strategic Community Engagement Plan for Resilient Schools (00:01:12)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Rob Price, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services, Boulder Valley School District, introduced Deann Bucher; and conducted the presentation.

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

2026 COUNCIL WORK PLAN ADOPTION (00:50:40)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Deputy City Manager Fox provided the Staff Report.

Council provided their comments and feedback.

Council member Kern asked to add Wildfire Conflagration and WUI Code implementation as a core services requirement.

Council member Cooperman suggests calling out the update to the inclusionary housing ordinance.

Public Comment

- Susan Loo

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding the Work Plan.

Council member Hoefner moved to approve the 2026 Council Work Plan with the amendment offered by Council members Kern and Cooperman; seconded by Council member Dickinson.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSION / DIRECTION: TRAFFIC VIA APPIA AND POLK / DAHLIA (01:14:05)

Mayor Leh introduced the item

City Manager Langley and Public Works Director Kowar provided the Staff Report.

Public Works Director Kowar asked council members to address the following: what they are hearing from residents, what they think needs to be solved, their concerns, expectations, public outreach and guiding principles and values.

Council members provided their input and feedback regarding questions presented by Public Works Director Kowar.

Public Comment

- Rebecca Whalen
- Andy Johnson
- Oliver Nix

Public Works Director Kowar continued with the presentation related to safety statistics.

Council recessed briefly.

Public Works Director Kowar continued with the presentation related to crash statistics, traffic volume, street classification, levels of service, improvement metrics and options.

Council members engaged in discussion and shared their feedback.

Council member Hoefner moved to keep the two-lane configuration and pursue additional incremental improvements along the problem areas of the Via Appia corridor as time and budget allow; seconded by Mayor Leh.

Council member Kern made a friendly amendment to focus on the trail crossing at Sagebrush; and designated space for evacuation route.

Council member Hoefner consented to the friendly amendment.

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

Nay: Kern

Absent: None

Public Works Director Kowar continued with the Polk Dahlia Corridor.

Council members provided their input and feedback.

Council member Hoefner moved to keep the current configuration, improve communication regarding operation, and pursue additional raised crosswalks, referencing Polk Dahlia; seconded by Council member Dickinson.

Aye: Cooperman, Dickinson, Fahey, Hoefner, Kern

Nay: Leh, Hamlington

Absent: None

ADJOURN (03:22:46)

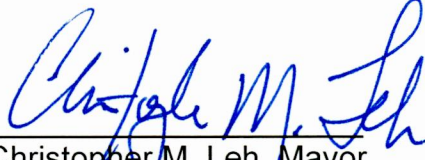
Council member Hoefner moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council member Kern.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.



Christopher M. Leh, Mayor



Genny Kline, City Clerk

