

City Council

Meeting Minutes

**February 17, 2026
Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM**

Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and the following members were present:

City Council: *Mayor Chris Leh
Mayor Pro Tem Barbara Hamlington
Councilmember Josh Cooperman
Councilmember Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner
Councilmember Judi Kern*

Staff Present: *Diana Langley, City Manager
Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director
Jeff Hirt, Planning Manager
Emily Cline-Gibson, Planner II
Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney
Genny Kline, City Clerk
Christina Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (00:01:19)

Council member Kern moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Council member Fahey.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (00:01:36)

- None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (00:03:48)

- A. Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2026; January 27, 2026
- B. Resolution No. 16, Series 2026 – A Resolution Approving a First Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Lighthouse Transportation Group, LLC

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (00:04:07)

Council member Kern noted the event at the Rocky Mountain Airport, and reported on the unleaded fuel for aircrafts that use aviation gas, rather than jet fuel.

Mayor Leh added that the fuel use was a result of the work of State Representative and former Council member Kyle Brown.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (00:05:45)

City Manager Langley referenced both tonight's presentation by the Ember Alliance on the Wildfire Conflagration Risk Assessment and the Open House at Fire Station One tomorrow night at 5:30.

REGULAR BUSINESS

PRESENTATION: XCEL BRIEFING TO LOUISVILLE CITY COUNCIL (00:06:07)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

City Manager Langley introduced Nick Cole with Excel Energy.

Nick Cole, Excel Energy, Boulder Area Manager for Community & Local Government Affairs, conducted a presentation regarding improvement work planned for Louisville.

Public Comment

- Susan Loo pooled time with Larry Donner

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

PRESENTATION: WILDFIRE AND CONFLAGRATION RISK ASSESSMENT – LOUISVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (01:04:13)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Community Development Director Zuccaro provided the staff report.

The Ember Alliance, along with the Louisville Fire Protection District, presented the Wildfire and Conflagration Risk Assessment to City Council. Presenters included Dr. Megan Motonis, Dr. Hassam Mahmoud of InFoRM LLC; and Chief Milan, Louisville Fire Protection District.

Public Comment

- Tawnya Somauroo
- Larry Donner

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1917, SERIES 2026 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING ELECTRONIC VEHICLE (“EV”) CHARGING STATIONS – 1ST READING, SET PUBLIC HEARING (02:05:56)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Planning Manager Hirt presented the staff report.

Council posed questions which were acknowledged and addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamlington moved to approve Ordinance No. 1917, Series 2026; on the first reading and set for public hearing on March 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm; seconded by Council member Hoefner.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1915, SERIES 2026 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS AND TITLE 17 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT NONFUNCTIONAL TURF, ARTIFICIAL TURF, AND INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES FOR CERTAIN NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT – 2ND READING, PUBLIC HEARING (ADVERTISED CITY OF LOUISVILLE WEBSITE 02/05/2026) (02:19:58)

Mayor Leh introduced the item and opened the public hearing.

Planner Cline-Gibson presented the staff report.

Public Comment

- None

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

City Attorney Kelly pointed out language under Sec. 17.16.370(B) regarding turf limitations.

Public Comment

- None

Council Comments

Councilmember Hoefner moved to approve Ordinance No. 1915, Series 2026; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hamlington

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT (02:33:09)

City Attorney Kelly indicated there was no report.

UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (02:33:31)

There were no items brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURN (02:33:48)

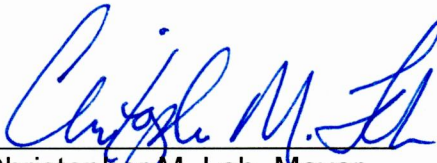
Council member Kern moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council member Fahey.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.


Christopher M. Leh, Mayor


Genny Kline, City Clerk

