

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 12:24 P.M.

An addendum was posted on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 1:12 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Dutton	Absent	Lakin	Absent
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		

Present: 7

Absent: 2

Councilor Lakin arrived at 4:12 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, resources, schedules, and events. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Sarah Davis provided updates on the upcoming Mayor/Council Retreat.

Jack Blair, City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) and (7), Council enter Executive Session for confidential communications between the Council and its attorneys in the matter of case of Case No. 21-cv-00286-JDR, Corey Atchison v. the City of Tulsa et al, filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

5. **ADDENDUM:** Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) and (7) for confidential communications between the Council and its attorneys in the matter of case of Case No. 21-cv-00286-JDR, Corey Atchison v. the City of Tulsa et al, filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/28/26] 26-76-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on item 5. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Absent	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 8	Nays: 0	Absent: 1	Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.			

Council entered Executive Session at 4:12 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Jack Blair, Kristina Gray, and Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department, Laurel Roberts from the Mayor’s Office, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Kristina Gray and Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

6. **ADDENDUM:** Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the matter of Case No. 21-cv-00286-JDR, Corey Atchison v. the City of Tulsa et al, filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 1/28/26] 26-76-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:31 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve a settlement of four million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00) in Case No. 21-cv-00286-JDR, Corey Atchison v. the City of Tulsa et al, filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Nay	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Absent	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 7	Nays: 1	Absent: 1	Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.			

4. Adjournment.

Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M.

Karen Gilbert, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council