

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

scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Second Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, Room 260, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Second Floor, Tulsa, OK on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 4:11 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Dutton	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		
Present:		9	
Absent:		0	

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council
Brandon Worley, Council Staff

1. RECEIPT & FILING OF MINUTES

- a. No items this week.

2. APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

- a. Michelle Burdex – Appointment to the Greater Tulsa Area African-American Affairs Commission filling the vacant Greenwood Cultural Center seat; term expires May 1, 2029. (CD-1) [UED 4/29/26; PW 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-358-1

Public Comments:
John Huffines – 2.a.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 2.a. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Michelle Burdex addressed the Council.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed Ordinance amending Title 43-M of Tulsa Revised Ordinances, which is the City of Tulsa's Expenditure

Policy for the "2023 Temporary Sales Tax"; amending the projects and purposes for which expenditures of proceeds may lawfully be made; providing for severability. (Hall-Harper) (Proposed amendment - \$5,000,000.00 Kirkpatrick Heights/Greenwood amended to District 1 Economic Development Projects) (Required Press Conference held 4/9/26) (Public Hearings: 4/29/26; 5/13/26) [UED 4/29/26; CC 4/29/26; UED 5/13/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-348-3

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Public Hearing on 3.a. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Public Hearing on 3.a at 5:13 P.M.

- Public Comments:
- Lana Turner-Addison – 3.a.
 - Eugene Harris – 3.a.
 - Claiborne Taulbert – 3.a.
 - Gabrielle Alexander Trimble – 3.a.
 - Tracie Chandler – 3.a.
 - Isaac Stevens – 3.a.
 - Michelle Burdex – 3.a.
 - Reggie Williams, Jr. – 3.a.
 - Mareo Johnson – 3.a.
 - Joe Williams – 3.a.
 - Ronita Wade – 3.a.
 - Ed Sharrer – 3.a.
 - Nate Morris – 3.a.
 - Mary Williams – 3.a.
 - Delana Jackson – 3.a.
 - Darlene Daughrity – 3.a.
 - Rose Washington-Jones – 3.a.

Without objection, Council exited Public Hearing on 3.a at 6:10 P.M.

7.b was read and voted on after 3.a.

7. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending Title 43-M of Tulsa Revised Ordinances, which is the City of Tulsa's Expenditure Policy for the "2023 Temporary Sales Tax"; amending the projects and purposes for which expenditures of proceeds may lawfully be made; providing for severability. (Hall-Harper) (Proposed amendment - \$5,000,000.00 Kirkpatrick Heights/Greenwood amended to District 1 Economic Development Projects) (Required Press Conference held 4/9/26) (Public Hearings: 4/29/26; 5/13/26) [UED 4/29/26; CC 4/29/26; UED 5/13/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-348-2

- Public Comments: In Opposition
- Lana Turner-Addison – 7.b.
 - Heather Nash – 7.b.

Joe Williams – 7.b.
John Hall – 7.b.
James Alexander, Jr. – 7.b.
Bernice Alexander – 7.b.

Public Comments: In Support
Tracie Chandler – 7.b.
Kristi Williams – 7.b.
Charlotte Combs – 7.b.
Darrell Knox – 7.b.
Burlinda Radney – 7.b.

Councilor Bellis left the meeting at 6:13 P.M. and returned at 6:15 P.M.

Councilor Bush left the meeting at 6:29 P.M. and returned at 6:30 P.M.

Councilor Dutton left the meeting at 6:32 P.M. and returned at 6:34 P.M.

Councilor Archie left the meeting at 6:37 P.M. and returned at 6:39 P.M.

Councilor Lakin left the meeting at 6:40 P.M. and returned at 6:42 P.M.

There was Council discussion.

Councilor Hall-Harper moved to approve 7.b. Councilor Decter Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

4. MAYOR’S ITEMS

- a. Report from the Mayor, or his designee, on community events, briefing on City activities, City efforts, and new business.

There was no report.

- b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownsfields (KSU TAB) in the amount of two thousand, eight hundred fifty dollars (\$2,850.00) for John Hetherington to travel to Bentonville, AR on June 2-5, 2026, to attend the Active Transportation Academy. [CC 5/13/26] 26-400-1

Public Comments:
John Huffines – 4.b.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 4.b. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea

Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.			

5. AUTHORITIES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- a. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment, or revision of a Final Plat for Patterson Farms Phase I, consisting of One hundred fifteen (115) Lots, Six (6) Blocks on ± 27.30 acres located west of the NW/c of E. 41st St. S. and S. 145th E. Ave. (TMAPC staff administratively **APPROVED** the final plat on behalf of TMAPC.) (CD-6) [CC 5/13/26] 26-401-1
- b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment, or revision of a Final Plat for Villas at Watercrest II, consisting of Ninety-four (94) Lots, Four (4) Blocks on ± 20.75 acres located at the SW/c of 131st St. S. and S. Sheridan Rd. (TMAPC staff administratively **APPROVED** the final plat on behalf of TMAPC.) (CD-8) [CC 5/13/26] 26-402-1
- c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Application Z-7856 from CS, OL, and RS-3 to CS for property located at the NW/c of W. 61st St. S. and S. Union Ave. requested by Lou Reynolds, Eller & Detrich, P.C. (Property owners: Bear Development Group, LLC) (CD-2) (TMAPC voted 9-0-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of CS zoning.) [UED 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26; CC 5/20/26] 26-388-2
- d. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Application for major amendment PUD-375-F to establish development standards to support multifamily development in Development Area D located at the NW/c of W. 61st St. S. and S. Union Ave. requested by Lou Reynolds, Eller & Detrich P.C. (Property owner: Bear Development Group, LLC) (CD-2) (TMAPC voted 9-0-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of PUD-375-F major amendment zoning.) [UED 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26; CC 5/20/26] 26-390-2
- e. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Application Z-7857 from SR to RS-5 and CS for property located southwest of the corner of S. 129th E. Ave. and E. 41st St. S. requested by Robert Bell, Bell Land Use, LLC (Property owner: Dr. Norman Rizwan) (CD-7) (TMAPC voted 9-0-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of RS-5 and CS zoning.) [UED 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26; CC 5/20/26] 26-391-2
- f. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Resolution No. 2959:1080 of the Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, pursuant to Title 19, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 863.7; amending the Tulsa Comprehensive Plan by adopting an amendment (CPA-130) changing the land use designation from "Employment" to "Neighborhood and Local Center" on approximately ± 55.14 acres for property located southwest of the corner of S. 129th E. Ave. and E. 41st St. S. requested by Robert Bell, Bell Land Use, LLC (Property owner: Dr. Norman Rizwan) (CD-7) (TMAPC voted 10-0-0 to adopt the "Neighborhood and Local Center" land use designation and recommend City Council **APPROVE** Resolution No. 2959:1080) (*NOTE: In accordance with Title 19, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 863.7, the City Council must act on this item within 45 days of receipt. If no action is taken, the amendment will be officially approved.*) [UED 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-392-2
- g. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Application MPD-9 from CS, RMH, RM-1, and AG to MPD-9 for property located north of the NE/c of E. 91st St. S. and Riverside Parkway requested by Lou Reynolds, Eller & Detrich, P.C. (Property owners: Muscogee

Creek Nation, Barbre Group Investments, LLC, City of Tulsa) (CD-2) (TMAPC voted 9-0-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of MPD-9 zoning.) [UED 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26; CC 5/20/26] 26-393-2

- h. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, or denial of EMSA’s Transport Rate Alignment and Treatment in Place proposal. [UED 4/22/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-338-2

Public Comments:
Brandon Perkins – 5.a.
Robert Bell – 5.e, 5.f.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 5.a – 5.h. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

6. **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

6.a was read and voted on separately.

- a. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget to make supplemental appropriations of nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00) recognized from pledged revenues received from Tulsa Community Foundation within the Public Safety and Protection Non-Federal Grants SubFund. (Animal Shelter - TCF Donation) (**REQUESTING WAIVER OF CITY CHARTER, COUNCIL RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND REQUESTING APPROVAL AND ADOPTION ON FIRST READING**) [UED 5/13/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-398-2

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 6.a with waiver of City Charter, and Council Rules & Order of Business, requesting approval on First Reading. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

- b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget to make supplemental appropriations of one hundred ninety-nine thousand, five hundred seventy dollars (\$199,570.00) recognized from grant revenues to be received from the Department of Justice within the DNA Backlog Reduction SubFund. (2025

Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction) [UED 5/13/26; CC 5/13/26; CC 5/20/26] 26-399-2

Without objection, item 6.b was forwarded to the next Council meeting.

7. **ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

- a. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending Title 49, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, "Administrative, Permit, and License Fees" by amending Chapter 1, "General Administrative Fees", Section 108, "Inspection Fee"; amending Chapter 3, "Building Permit Fees", Sections 301, "Building Permit Application Fee", and 302, "Building Permit Fee"; amending Chapter 9, "Infrastructure Development Permit Fees", Section 904, "Escrow"; amending Chapter 12, "Stormwater Drainage Service Fees" by adding a new Section 1207, "Floodplain Modification Review Fee", amending Chapter 17, "Planning and Zoning Fees", Sections 1701, "Planning Commission Application Fees", and 1702, "Board of Adjustment Application Fees". **(Emergency Clause)** [PW 5/6/26; CC 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-372-2
- c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Ordinance Z-7854 from CS to CG for property located east of the NE/c of E. 11th St. S. and S. 131st E. Ave. requested by Ethos Architects, Inc. (Property owner: Juan and Maria Oropeza) (CD-3) (TMAPC voted 8-1-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of CG zoning.) [UED 4/29/26; CC 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-355-3
- d. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Rezoning Ordinance Z-7855 from RS-3 to RM-3 for multiple properties located at the NE/c and SE/c of W. 42nd St. S. and S. Union Ave. requested by Justin DeBruin, Wallace Design Collective (Property owners: James A. and Hiroko Girdner; Cindy Giddings) (CD-2) (TMAPC voted 9-0-0 to recommend **APPROVAL** of RM-3 zoning.) [UED 4/29/26; CC 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-356-3
- e. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending Title 15, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, titled "Franchises and Grants," Chapter 3, titled "2011 Oklahoma Natural Gas Company Franchise", granting a franchise for a term of twenty (20) years; providing for use and repair of rights-of-way; establishing engineering standards; defining grantee's duty to move or alter facilities; establishing a franchise rate of four percent (4%) of gross receipts; requiring voter approval of this franchise at a Special Election on August 25, 2026; providing for severability; providing that the franchise shall become effective upon grantee's filing of an acceptance; and repealing the previous franchise. (Public Hearing: 5/6/26) [PW 4/29/26; CC 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-367-2
- f. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget to make supplemental appropriations of nineteen thousand, five hundred eighty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$19,587.20) recognized from unappropriated fund balance within the Urban and Community Forestry Program SubFund. (Urban and Community Forestry Grant Award - Personal Services) [BUD/SP 5/6/26; CC 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-373-2

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 7.a – 7.f, except 7.b, with the emergency clause on 7.a. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea

Gilbert		Yea	
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0
Motion carried.			

8. COUNCIL ITEMS

- a. Councilors’ announcements and reports on current community events, activities, efforts, and concerns. Other than announcements and reports, no discussion will ensue.

Councilor Archie invited everyone to the West Tulsa Centennial Pre-Cruise Bash on May 29, 2026. Councilor Gilbert announced that former City Councilor Thomas Mansur had passed away and extended condolences to his family.
- b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Resolution calling for, and requesting the Tulsa County Election Board to conduct, a nonpartisan Special Election on August 25, 2026, to place before the electors of the City of Tulsa, the question of approval or disapproval of Ordinance No. 25782, which grants a franchise to Oklahoma Natural Gas Company (ONG), a division of One Gas, Inc., a Corporation, to allow ONG to use the public rights-of-way to transport, distribute and sell natural gas to consumers and the general public within the City; reproducing the exact ballot language; allowing for absentee balloting; requesting the Tulsa County Election Board to coordinate with the Election Boards of other counties in which the City of Tulsa is located; requesting that those voting precincts located partially inside and partially outside the city limits of the City of Tulsa remain open for the election; requesting the Mayor to issue a proclamation calling the election. **(Emergency Clause)** [PW 5/6/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-396-2
- c. Vote on the Tulsa City Council’s Letter of Support for the City’s application to the Safe Streets 4 All program to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, and to authorize the Council Chair to sign the letter on behalf of the Council. [UED 5/13/26; CC 5/13/26] 26-410-2

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 8.b – 8.c. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No items this week.

10. HEARING OF APPEALS

- a. No items this week.

11. HEARING OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Mike Murphy – Concerns regarding road conditions on Sheridan Rd. and Memorial Dr. from 31st St. to 41st St. [CC 5/13/26] 26-406-1

Mike Murphy was not present to address the Council.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjournment.

Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

Karen Gilbert, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council