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

scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 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, September 11, 2026, at 4:14 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:20 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
Elizabeth Tankard, Council Staff

1. RECEIPT & FILING OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of Regular Meeting held at 4:00 PM on August 26, 2026. [CC 9/16/26] 26-784-1

b. Minutes of Regular Meeting held at 5:00 PM on August 26, 2026. [CC 9/16/26] 26-784-2

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 1.a – 1.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.

2. APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

a. Anne Chang – Appointment to the Asian Affairs Commission replacing Sofia Noshay; term expires January 1, 2027. (CD-4) [UED 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-758-1

b. Joyce Roberts – Reappointment to the Human Rights Commission; term expires July 1, 2027. (Attended 8/9 meetings.) (CD-6) [PW 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-757-1

c. Brian Humphrey – Reappointment to the Greater Tulsa Area African-American Affairs Commission; term expires May 1, 2029. (Attended 11/11 meetings.) (CD-9) [UED 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-692-1

Public Comments:
John Huffines – 2.a – 2.c.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 2.a – 2.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.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed Ordinance closing an Alleyway as a Public Way located at 608 E. 3rd St., situated between Lots One through Four (1-4) and Lots Five through Nine (5-9), Block One Hundred Thirteen (113) Tulsa-Original Town Addition, requested by Kyle Gibson of Align Design Group. A portion of the alleyway was previously closed and this request is to close the remaining portion of the alleyway.(CD-4) (Public Hearing: 9/16/26) [PW 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-731-3

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 5:24 P.M.

There were no speakers.

Without objection, Council exited Public Hearing on 3.a at 5:24 P.M.

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 Resolution adopting the City of Tulsa - Program for Public Information and

Flood Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan Annual Evaluation Report for 2026-2027 of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma; providing that copies of said Annual Report be filed and kept in the Office of the City Clerk; making said Annual Report available to the public at a reasonable charge. **(Emergency Clause)** [PW 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-740-2

c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Resolution to award bid for the sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, in the sum of sixty-five million, six hundred sixty thousand dollars ($65,660,000.00), awarding the sale to the lowest and best bidder. [PW 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-766-2

d. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Contract for a loan extension from the Gilcrease Museum collection to the Sid Richardson Museum of the "Bruin Not Bunny Turned the Leaders" by Charles M. Russell for the "Russell's Retreat: Summers at Glacier National Park" exhibition. [CC 9/16/26] 26-765-1

e. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Deaccession of one (1) object of cultural patrimony and return to the Tejon Indian Tribe for repatriation from the Gilcrease Museum in accordance with the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and federal regulations. [CC 9/16/26] 26-770-1

f. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from National Fire Academy in the amount of six hundred dollars ($600.00) for Deputy Chief Charles French to travel to Emmitsburg, MD on October 25-31, 2026, to attend the R2117 Fire Investigation: Report Writing. [CC 9/16/26] 26-771-1

g. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from National Fire Academy in the amount of six hundred dollars ($600.00) for Deputy Chief Charles French to travel to Emmitsburg, MD on December 13-19, 2026, to attend the R0790 Fire Investigation: Case Preparation and Testimony. [CC 9/16/26] 26-772-1

h. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from Axon Enterprise in the amount of one thousand, one hundred sixteen dollars and seven cents ($1,116.07) for Jeremy Stiles to travel to Scottsdale, AZ on September 28-30, 2026, to attend the Axon Investigative Leadership Summit. [CC 9/16/26] 26-773-1

i. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from Special Olympics of Oklahoma in the amount of nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents ($938.83) for Officer Megan Leslie to travel to Grand Rapids, MI on November 4-7, 2026, to participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference. [CC 9/16/26] 26-774-1

j. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel donation from United States Police Canine Association in the amount of one hundred sixty-nine dollars ($169.00) for Officer Camden Houck to travel to Abilene, TX on September 19-20, 2026, to participate in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Conference. [CC 9/16/26] 26-783-1

k. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Special Event Application: 2026 Tulsa Walk to End Alzheimer's scheduled for September 19, 2026, starting at 1800 S. Boulder Park Dr. (CD-4) [CC 9/16/26] 26-775-1

l. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Special Event Application: Jesus March scheduled for September 26, 2026, starting at 175 E. 2nd St. (CD-1,4) [CC 9/16/26] 26-776-1

m. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Special Event Application: La Fiesta de Tulsa 2026: Festival and Parade scheduled for September 19, 2026, starting at 1808 S. 123rd E. Ave. (CD-5,6) [CC 9/16/26] 26-777-1

n. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Special Event Application: 918 Day Festival scheduled for September 18, 2026, starting at 600 S. Boston Ave. (CD-4) [CC 9/16/26] 26-778-1

Public Comments:
John Huffines – 4.g, 4.i, 4.k, 4.l.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 4.b – 4.n with the emergency clause on 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 Rezoning Application SA-9 to apply Neighborhood Character Overlay 2 (NCO-2) zoning for multiple properties located within the Florence Park Neighborhood surrounded by E. 15th St. S., E. 21st St. S., S. Harvard Ave., and Broken Arrow Expressway, requested by Tulsa City Council. (Property owner: Multiple Owners) (CD-4) (TMAPC voted 7-0-1 to recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed Neighborhood Character Overlay 2 map amendment.) [UED 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-750-2

Public Comments:
Doug Lance – 5.a.
Elaine Meek – 5.a.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 5.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.

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 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of seven million, six hundred four thousand, one hundred sixty-three dollars and eighty-one cents ($7,604,163.81) recognized from grant revenues to be received from Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) within the Social and Economic Development Non-Federal Grants SubFund. (North Tulsa Wellness Initiative) **(REQUESTING WAIVER OF CITY CHARTER, COUNCIL RULES & ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND REQUESTING APPROVAL AND ADOPTION ON FIRST READING)** [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-761-2

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 closing an Alleyway as a Public Way located at 608 E. 3rd St., situated between Lots One through Four (1-4) and Lots Five through Nine (5-9), Block One Hundred Thirteen (113) Tulsa-Original Town Addition, requested by Kyle Gibson of Align Design Group. A portion of the alleyway was previously closed and this request is to close the remaining portion of the alleyway.(CD-4) (Public Hearing: 9/16/26) [PW 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-731-2

c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance adopting a new Title 16, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, titled "Independent Review and Oversight of Public Safety"; creating the Office of Independent Review and Oversight of Public Safety and the position of Director; establishing the powers, duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and reporting requirements of the Office and Director; providing for the review and oversight of certain Public Safety investigations; providing for confidentiality of certain information and records; creating a civilian oversight board and establishing its membership, qualifications, terms, powers, duties, meetings, and reporting requirements. (Hall-Harper, Decter Wright) [PW 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-734-2

d. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000.00) recognized from grant revenues to be received from Cherokee Health Grant for Social and Economic Development Non-Federal Grants SubFund. (Cherokee Health Initiative Grant) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-759-2

e. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) recognized from grant revenues to be received from Telligen Community Initiative Grant for Social and Economic Development Non-Federal Grants SubFund. (Mayor's Office of Health and Well-Being) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-760-2

f. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of four hundred thirteen thousand, six hundred thirty dollars ($413,630.00) recognized from grant revenues to be received from the United States Department of Justice within the JAG Reimbursements Grants SubFund. (Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Award) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-762-2

g. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of two hundred ninety-three thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars ($293,750.00) recognized from revenues received within the Convention & Visitors Fund. (Managed Entities - Economic Development) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-763-2

h. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget to make supplemental appropriations of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) recognized from grant revenues to be received from Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for Social and Economic Development Non-Federal Grants SubFund. (Office of Financial Empowerment expansion) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-767-2

i. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance closing a Public Way requested by James Wiginton. The requested closing of a certain portion of a public way of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, located at 4022 E. 104th St. situated between 4022 E. 104th St. and 4021 E. 104th St. The Public Way has never been used as a Right-of-Way. (CD-8) [PW 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26; CC 9/23/26] 26-768-2

Without objection, items 6.b – 6.i were forwarded to the next Council meeting.

7. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

7.a was read and voted on separately.

a. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds Series 2026A in the sum of sixty-five million, six hundred sixty thousand dollars ($65,660,000.00) by the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma authorized at an election duly called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; providing for registration thereof; providing for a system of registration for uncertificated registered public obligations; providing levy of an annual tax for payment of principal and interest on the same. **(Emergency Clause)** [PW 9/2/26; CC 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-721-2

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 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.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 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.

b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of an Ordinance Amending Title 15, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, titled “Franchises and Grants,” by adopting a new Chapter 11, titled "CoxCom, LLC Franchise"; granting to CoxCom, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company ("Grantee"), its successors and assigns, for a period of ten (10) years, a non-exclusive franchise and a right to use the public rights-of-way for the purpose of providing cable service to consumers and the general public within the City. **(Emergency Clause)** [PW 9/2/26; CC 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-737-2

c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of Ordinance ZCA-40 amending the City of Tulsa Zoning Code, Title 42, Tulsa Revised Ordinances, for the purpose of amending the provisions of the Neighborhood Character Overlay (NCO) that were applied to the Renaissance neighborhood to add additional requested development standards. (TMAPC voted 7-0-1 to recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed text amendments ZCA-40.) [UED 9/2/26; CC 9/2/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-751-2

Public Comments:
Arena Foddis – 7.c.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve 7.b – 7.c with the emergency clause on 7.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.

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.

There was no report.

8.b and 8.c were each read and voted on separately.

b. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a Resolution of the City of Tulsa expressing its intent to support the establishment and funding of an eviction prevention and legal representation program. (Bellis) [PW 8/26/26; UED 9/2/26; CC 9/2/26; BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-730-2

Public Comments:
Jack Seawright – 8.b.
James Alexander, Jr. – 8.b.
Bernice Alexander – 8.b.
Ana Barros – 8.b.
Susan Nichols – 8.b.

Councilor Bellis moved to approve 8.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.

Councilor Hall-Harper recused at 6:23 P.M.

c. Consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a travel authorization, per Council Rules & Order of Business, in the estimated amount of one thousand, three hundred dollars ($1,300.00) for Councilor Hall-Harper to travel to Omaha, NE to attend the African-American Leadership Conference to be held on September 30 - October 3, 2026. (Registration, Hotel, Transportation, and Per Diem) [BUD/SP 9/16/26; CC 9/16/26] 26-781-2

Public Comments:
Jack Seawright – 8.c.
James Alexander, Jr. – 8.c.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Councilor Hall-Harper returned at 6:30 P.M.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. No items this week.

10. HEARING OF APPEALS

a. No items this week.

11. HEARING OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Daniel Dunlop – Concerns regarding air quality and public health from exhaust fumes at 1518 E. 5th Ct., Tulsa, OK. [CC 9/16/26] 26-782-1

Daniel Dunlop addressed the Council.

12. ADJOURNMENT

a. Adjournment.

Chair Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 6:36 P.M.

Karen Gilbert, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council