The City of Lee's Summit

Action Letter - Final

City Council - Regular Session

Tuesday, March 3, 2026
6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
and Via Video Conference
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
*****AMENDED*** REGULAR SESSION NO. 65**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm in person and via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of the City of Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2021, Ordinance No. 9172. Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda, including public testimony during a Public Hearing, via video conference may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofls.net to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The City Clerk will provide instructions regarding how to attend by this method. The meeting can be viewed on the City's YouTube Channel (YouTube.com/@cityofLS), the City's website (WatchLS.net) and on various cable providers (Spectrum Channel 2 & Comcast Channel 7).

Preliminaries:

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Call to Order

Mayor Baird called Regular Session No. 65 to order at 6:26pm.

D. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Bill Baird
Councilmember Trish Carlyle
Councilmember Donnie Funk
Councilmember Faith Hodges
Councilmember Beto Lopez
Councilmember John Lovell
Councilmember Cynda Rader
Councilmember Hillary Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Mia Prier

1 Approval of Agenda

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Funk, seconded by Councilmember Carlyle, to approve the Agenda as published. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 2.A. - 2.E. motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

A. 2026-7430 Approval of City Council Action Letter for February 24, 2026.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to approve the City Council Action Letter for February 24, 2026 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

B. BILL NO. 26-026 An Ordinance approving a Preliminary Development Plan for approximately 1.4 acres of land located at 1801 NW Chipman Road all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33, the Unified Development Ordinance, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.
(NOTE: First read by City Council on February 24, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to adopt Bill No.26-026 and number Ordinance No. 10332 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

C. BILL NO. 26-027

An Ordinance approving a Preliminary Development Plan for land located at 1231 SW Waterloo Drive for Pathways at Kensington Farms Phase 1 all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33, the Unified Development Ordinance, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.
(NOTE: First read by City Council on February 24, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to adopt Bill No.26-027 and number Ordinance No. 10333 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

D. BILL NO. 26-033

An Ordinance amending Chapter 5 - Animals, by repealing Section 5-200 in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof a Section 5-200 - Number and type of chickens allowed to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.
(NOTE: First read by City Council on February 24, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to adopt Bill No.26-033 and number Ordinance No. 10334 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

E. BILL NO. 26-034 An Ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and the Lee's Summit R-7 School District for the use of Green Street.
(NOTE: First read by City Council on February 24, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Carlyle, seconded by Councilmember Rader, to adopt Bill No.26-034 and number Ordinance No. 10335 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prier

3. Council Roundtable

Councilmember Shields noted the Spring Open House and the Emerald Isle Pub Crawl taking place this weekend in Downtown Lee's Summit.

4. Public Comments:

Mr. Zak Al-Shawish spoke on a letter he received from a Lee's Summit Firefighter expressing his concerns with the City's stance on mental health issues and offering adequate care to their employees.

Ms. Susan Coffman thanked the Council for the work they do and encouraged citizens to get involved in the many committees and volunteer opportunities within the City.

Mr. DJ Good commented on Councilmember Rader and her Mayoral campaign stating she is misrepresenting facts about Lee's Summit.

Ms. Teresa Vollenweider expressed her concerns with the Lee's Summit Police Department not acknowledging where her property line is in comparison to the City's Right of Way.

Councilmember Prier joined the meeting at 6:38pm.

5. Presentations:

A. 2026-7471 Presentation: Updates from all Public Service Agreement Recipients
1) Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street
2) Explore LS
3) Lee's Summit Economic Development Council

The following speakers gave updates on their organizations:

- Donnie Rodgers, Executive Director, Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street
- Cori Day, Executive Director, Explore LS (Lee's Summit Tourism)
- Mike VanBuskirk, Chair, and Joe Perry, President, Lee's Summit Economic Development Council

The Mayor and Council expressed many thanks to the leaders, employees, board members, and volunteers of these groups and appreciated the great partnerships that contribute to the growth and well-being of Lee's Summit.

Councilmember Hodges and Councilmember Shields would like to see more information come from the Lee's Summit Economic Council on what jobs they have brought to Lee's Summit.

LSEDC acknowledged they have made policy updates and have new data/software coming that will allow them to better track that information and provide better feedback to stakeholders and the community.

A brief recess was taken at 8:02pm. Mayor Baird re-adjourned the session at 8:23pm.

This Presentation was presented.

B. 2026-7475 Presentation: LSGOAL26 Updated Funding Request

Ms. Donna Lake, Assistant City Manager, spoke on the updated funding request in order to support the Fun Friday activities during the FIFA World Cup.

LSGOAL26 Board Members, Jon Ellis and Laura Maxwell, gave more detail on the events and cost breakdown.

The request is for an amount not to exceed $50,000.00. Any remaining funds would transfer to the Visitor Bureau's account.

Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Shields, Councilmember Funk, and Councilmember Rader thanked the LSGOAL26 board and appreciate all the work they have put into events.

Councilmember Prier asked about volunteer sign-ups. The board advised volunteers can go to the LSGOAL26 website to register.

This Presentation was presented.

1) BILL NO. 26-035 An Ordinance approving a Public Service Agreement between the City of Lee's Summit and LSGOAL26, Inc. for services to be provided to the City in the

amount not to exceed $50,000.00.
(Note: First read by Council on March 3, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Funk, seconded by Councilmember Shields, that Bill No. 26-035 be advanced to second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Prier
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

C. 2026-7505 Presentation: City of Lee's Summit 2025 Crime Data Trends

Travis Forbes, Chief of Police, presented on the City's crime trends for 2025. The following statistics were presented:
- Persons Crimes (Violent Crimes) - 2% reduction
- Property Crimes - 17% reduction
- Society Crimes (Drug Crimes) - 14% reduction
- Overall, crime in the City is down by 13.5%

Chief Forbes stated many factors contribute to the flow of crime trends, but believes the Police Department's proactive approach through Mental Health Co-Responders, Safe Passage, education within the schools, and keeping up with technological advances in the Police environment have impacted the current trend.

Councilmember Funk asked if the crime data is able to show how many of the crimes are committed by Lee's Summit residents vs. people not from our city. Chief Forbes did not have that breakdown, but noted it's usually a 50/50 split.

This Presentation was presented.

D. 2026-7518 Presentation: South Gateway Monument Options

Ryan Elam, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief history on the South Gateway Monument. He advised they are seeking Council's feedback on the final design concept to proceed to construction.

Representatives from Bartlett and West, Lance Johnson and Abby Brown, also presented and showed/discussed the design options.

Council consensus was to proceed with the "replica with the arch" design. It was preferred due to the continuity with the current monuments.

This Presentation was presented.

6. Proposed Ordinances - First Reading:

A. BILL NO. 26-037 An Ordinance approving the 2026 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri and theFraternal Order of Police Lodge #50 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City. (Note: First read by Council on March 3, 2026. Passed by unanimous vote.)

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Shields, seconded by Councilmember Carlyle, that Bill No. 26-037 be advanced to second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Baird
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember Lovell
Councilmember Prier
Councilmember Rader
Councilmember Shields

7. Committee Reports

Councilmember Shields noted the informative discussion on health insurance during yesterday's Finance and Budget meeting. The Municipal Court audit is also complete. A presentation from the auditing firm will be made to the Council.

8. Council Comments:

There were no council comments.

9. Staff Roundtable

Mark Dunning, City Manager, noted the Douglas Street Improvement Project is moving forward.

He also addressed the public comment made in regard to the City's lack of support of its employees' mental health/wellbeing. He wholeheartedly disagreed and mentioned the Peer Support groups offered through the City as well as our programs through Human Resources.

10. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mayor Baird adjourned Regular Session No. 65 into Closed Session at 9:31pm.

Unless determined otherwise by the Mayor and City Council, no new agenda items shall be considered after 11:00 p.m.

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