



The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter
City Council - Regular Session

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers
and Via Video Conference
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

*****JOINT SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION*****

REGULAR SESSION NO. 10

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 11, 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, August 10, 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](https://www.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 Lopez called Regular Session No. 10 to order at 6:04pm.

D. Roll Call

Also in attendance for the Planning Commission:

Chair Trafton
Commissioner Hatcher
Commissioner Arth
Commissioner Pesce
Commissioner Gronau
Commissioner Moore
Commissioner Jana-Ford
Commissioner Yerington

Present: 8 - Mayor Beto Lopez
Councilmember Melanie Adkins
Councilmember Trish Carlyle
Councilmember Nyauna Cravens
Councilmember Shari Frazier
Councilmember Donnie Funk
Councilmember Mia Prier
Councilmember Hillary Shields

1 Approval of Agenda

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Lopez
Councilmember Adkins
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Cravens
Councilmember Frazier
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Prier
Councilmember Shields

2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shields, seconded by Councilmember Prier, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Lopez
Councilmember Adkins
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Cravens
Councilmember Frazier
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Prier
Councilmember Shields

A. [2026-7765](#) Approval of City Council Action Letter for August 4, 2026.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Shields, seconded by Councilmember Prier, to approve the August 4, 2026 City Council Action Letter as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Lopez
Councilmember Adkins
Councilmember Carlyle
Councilmember Cravens
Councilmember Frazier
Councilmember Funk
Councilmember Prier
Councilmember Shields

3. Council Roundtable

Mayor Pro Tem Shields noted she spent some time at Summit Waves and encouraged other to attend before they close for the season.

Councilmember Prier noted she received a lot of complements for Green Street.

Councilmember Frazier encouraged the community to support Baskin Robbins.

4. Public Comments:

The following spoke during public comment:

- Judge Dana Altieri- spoke on continuing issues at the Courts
- John Beaudoin - raising awareness on construction damage occurring in ROW areas
- Chip Floyd - spoke on ongoing issues with the Courts and public records
- Daniel Hardin - expressed his concerns in how money is spent in the City
- Judge Gary Helm - spoke on issues at the Lee's Summit Courts
- Karl Jennings - shared his experience having to come to the Lee's Summit Court and not being able to find handicapped parking or parking in general.
- Teresa Vollenweider - spoke on her concerns of how things are zoned/rezoned
- Michael Bostwick- proposed a new rule for speaking time at the council meetings.

The Clerk's office also received an emailed public comment from, James Toy, with the Kansas City Regional Association of REALTORS (KCRAR), encouraging continuing discussions on ADU's, pre-approved building plans, inventory of privately owned properties, adaptive reuse, specific zoning and development code amendments for missing-middle housing.

5. Presentations:

A. [2026-7760](#) Housing in Lee's Summit - A Framework for Decision Making

Ms. Tracy Albers, Director of Development Services; Mr. Shannon McGuire, Assistant Director of Plan Services; Mr. Chris Raymond, Performance Management Analyst, and Mr. Carson Stone, GIS Technician, presented for the City.

The City is seeing steady, strong growth in population which requires a significant need for diversity in housing. Particularly with the aging population and the size of households decreasing. Currently, 75% of residents own their homes and 25% rent. Based on current numbers, housing in Lee's Summit falls in line with the Ignite Comprehensive Plan, with the "missing middle" still needed. Costs of homes is another concern, but some are out of City control (interest rates and costs of building materials).

Mayor Lopez stated they will be started a housing task force comprised of 12 members - two citizens from each district, Chair Trafton (Planning Commission) and a Co-Chair from the Planning Commission, the Mayor and a co-chair from City Council.

A brief recess was taken at 8:18pm. The meeting re adjourned at 8:31pm.

6. Committee Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Shields noted the Community and Economic Development Committee meets on Wednesday, August 12. Topics will include liquor license updates and updates to incentive policies.

7. Council Comments:

Councilmember Cravens noted her and Councilmember Funk attended the ribbon cutting for KVC Academy.

8. Staff Roundtable

Mr. Mark Dunning, City Manager, wanted to make Council aware that there are still some steps to complete before tax payments can be processed at the City. County Executive Levota signed the agreement; however, it still needs to go before the Jackson County Legislature for approval.

Staff is still working on exact dates payment services can start.

9. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mayor Lopez adjourned Regular Session No. 10 into Closed Session at 9:05pm.

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