

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

scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 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, May 2, 2025, at 4:33 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lakin called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Absent
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Dutton	Absent	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		
	Present:	7	
	Absent:	2	

Councilor Dutton arrived at 4:13 P.M.  
Councilor Bengel arrived at 4:24 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 discussed the upcoming Council Clean-up Day on May 10, 2025.

Jack Blair, City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Dave Been, former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin, former Tulsa Police Chief Chuck Jordan, Tulsa Police Chief Dennis Larsen, and Tulsa Police Captain Kimberly Lee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States 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.

Items 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 were read and voted on together.

4. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Dave Been for legal

representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-333-1

- 6. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-334-1
- 8. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Chuck Jordan for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-335-1
- 10. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Chief Dennis Larsen for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-336-1
- 12. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Captain Kimberly Lee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-337-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on items 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Absent
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.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:23 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Jack Blair and Komron Takmil from the City Legal Department and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Komron Takmil from the City Legal Department addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

Items 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 were read and voted on together.

- 5. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Dave Been for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDRMTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-333-2

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7. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-334-2
9. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Chuck Jordan for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDRMTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-335-2
11. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Chief Dennis Larsen for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-336-2
13. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Captain Kimberly Lee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 5/7/25] 25-337-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:27 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve the request of former Tulsa Police Chief Dave Been, former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin, former Tulsa Police Chief Chuck Jordan, Tulsa Police Chief Dennis Larsen, and Tulsa Police Captain Kimberly Lee for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-cv-411-JDR-MTS, Ryan K. Smith v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. 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.

14. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) to discuss the possible reappointment and employment of the following individuals as a full-time City of Tulsa Municipal Court Judge: Gerald Hofmeister, Mitchell McCune, and Lisa Deller and the following individuals as Associate Judge: Ann Darnell, Kiemonn Jones, Mark Schwebke, Georgina Van Tuyl, Carlye Jimerson, Jessika Tate, and R. Kyle Alderson. [CC 5/7/25] 25-351-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on item 14. 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 Executive Session at 4:28 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Cheri Harvell, Court Administrator, and City of Tulsa Municipal Court Judges, Gerald Hofmeister, Mitchell McCune, and Lisa Deller, were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session. Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Councilor Bush left the meeting at 4:38 P.M. and returned at 4:41 P.M.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

15. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the reappointment and employment of the following individuals as a full-time City of Tulsa Municipal Court Judge: Gerald Hofmeister, Mitchell McCune, and Lisa Deller and the following individuals as Associate Judge: Ann Darnell, Kiemonn Jones, Mark Schwebke, Georgina Van Tuyl, Carlye Jimerson, Jessika Tate, and R. Kyle Alderson. [CC 5/7/25] 25-351-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:59 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to reappoint the following individuals as a full-time City of Tulsa Municipal Court Judge: Gerald Hofmeister, Mitchell McCune, and Lisa Deller and the following individuals as Associate Judge: Ann Darnell, Kiemonn Jones, Mark Schwebke, Georgina Van Tuyl, Carlye Jimerson, Jessika Tate, and R. Kyle Alderson. 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.

16. Review, discussion and possible vote to establish the compensation of full-time Judges and Associate Judges of the Tulsa Municipal Criminal Court, effective July 1, 2025, and to provide for the designation of a Presiding Judge of the Municipal Criminal Court. [CC 5/7/25] 25-354-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to increase the compensation of full-time Judges of the Tulsa Municipal Criminal Court to one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$157,000.00), effective July 1, 2025, and to continue to rotate the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Criminal Court. 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.

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17. Adjournment.

Chair Lakin adjourned the meeting at 5:06 P.M.

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Phil Lakin, Jr., Chair of the Council

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Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council