

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

scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 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, July 11, 2025, at 4:23 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lakin called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Stephens, Senior Assistant 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 Intercity visit and the Outsiders national tour.

Jeff Stephens, Senior Assistant City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Jake Huff and former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa 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 and 6 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 Tulsa Police Officer Jake Huff for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25]
25-543-1

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. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-566-1

Councilor Bengel moved to enter Executive Session on items 4 and 6. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:15 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Jeff Stephens and Michelle McGrew from the City Legal Department, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Michelle McGrew from the City Legal Department addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

Items 5 and 7 were read and voted on together.

5. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Jake Huff for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-543-2
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. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-566-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:29 P.M.

Councilor Bengel moved to approve the request of Tulsa Police Officer Jake Huff and former Tulsa Police Chief Wendell Franklin for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-cv-298, Leslie Hannan v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bush seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 6 Nays: 1 Absent: 2 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Jeff Stephens, Senior Assistant City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of former Forensic Laboratory Director Tara Brians, former Tulsa Police Detective John Hunter, and former Forensic Laboratory Employee Ann Morris for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa 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 8, 10, and 12 were read and voted on together.

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 Forensic Laboratory Director Tara Brians for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-563-1
10. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Tulsa Police Detective John Hunter for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-564-1
12. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of former Forensic Laboratory Employee Ann Morris for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-565-1

Councilor Bengel moved to enter Executive Session on items 8, 10, and 12. Councilor Bellis seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:33 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Ethan Sneed, outside Counsel with Connor-Smith PLP, and Council Staff members Sarah Davis and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Ethan Sneed, outside Counsel with Connor-Smith PLP, addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

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

9. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Forensic Laboratory Director Tara Brians for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-563-2
11. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Tulsa Police Detective John Hunter for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-564-2
13. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of former Forensic Laboratory Employee Ann Morris for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 7/16/25] 25-565-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:48 P.M.

Councilor Bengel moved to approve the request of former Forensic Laboratory Director Tara Brians, former Tulsa Police Detective John Hunter, and former Forensic Laboratory Employee Ann Morris for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 25-CV-179, William Henry Jamerson v. City of Tulsa et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bush seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

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

Yeas: 6

Nays: 1

Absent: 2

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment.

Chair Lakin adjourned the meeting at 4:49 P.M.

Phil Lakin, Jr., Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council