

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

scheduled for Wednesday, April 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, April 11, 2025, at 4:13 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lakin called the meeting to order at 4:16 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Absent	Bengel	Present
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Dutton	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		
	Present:	8	
	Absent:	1	

Councilor Hall-Harper arrived at 4:18 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 an upcoming special meeting. Michelle Brooks, City of Tulsa Communications Director, spoke about the upcoming Community Conversations meetings.

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 Tulsa Police Officer Daylan Root for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris 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.

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 Daylan Root for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 4/16/25] 25-252-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on item 4. Councilor Bush 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 4:38 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Jack Blair and Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department and Council Administrator Sarah Davis were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

5. Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Daylan Root for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 4/16/25] 25-252-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:46 P.M.

Councilor Gilbert moved to approve the request of Tulsa Police Officer Daylan Root for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Bengel seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:**

Hall-Harper	Nay	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Nay	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 7	Nays: 2	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

6. Adjournment.

Chair Lakin adjourned the meeting at 4:47 P.M.

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Phil Lakin, Jr., Chair of the Council

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Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council