

City Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2025
Council Chambers
749 Main Street
5:00 PM

Mayor Leh called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken, and the following members were present:

City Council: *Mayor Chris Leh*
 Mayor Pro Tem Caleb Dickinson (Arrived at 5:02 pm)
 Councilmember Josh Cooperman
 Councilmember Deborah Fahey
 Councilmember Barbara Hamlington
 Councilmember Dietrich Hoefner (Remote – arrived at 5:02 pm)
 Councilmember Judi Kern

Staff Present: *Diana Langley, City Manager*
 Samma Fox, Deputy City Manager
 Rob Zuccaro, Community Development Director
 Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney
 Genny Kline, City Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION - REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS (00:01:21)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

City Attorney Kelly introduced the agenda item and presented the request for an executive session.

City Clerk Kline read the statement required by the City Code.

City Attorney Kelly provided a statement outlining the authority for convening the executive session.

Mayor Leh moved to enter executive session; seconded by Councilmember Fahey.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Kern, Fahey, Hamlington, Hoefner, Cooperman

Nay: None

Absent: None

Council entered Executive Session at 5:05 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT (01:18:29)

Council reconvened at 6:18 pm.

City Attorney Kelly presented the report and indicated there is no follow-up requested at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (01:19:08)

Councilmember Kern moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Councilmember Fahey.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington, Hoefner, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (01:19:18)

- Gerri Foley (pooled time) – Golf Course Rates
- Marc Miller – Golf Course Rates
- Steven Thompson – Golf Course Rates
- Ric Rothschild – Golf Course Rates
- Roger Hughes – Golf Course Rates
- Paul Richardson – Golf Course Rates
- John McDermott (pooled time) – Golf Course Rates
- Jeff Meier – Golf Course Rates
- Don Brown – Golf Course Rates

Councilmember Hoefner exited the meeting during public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (01:54:10)

- A. Approval of Minutes: July 8, 2025; July 15, 2025; July 22, 2025
- B. Resolution No. 98, Series 2025 – A Resolution Authorizing Changes to the Approved Signer for the City's Banking and Financial Accounts
- C. Resolution No. 99, Series 2025 – A Resolution Approving the Independent Contract Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
- D. Approval of Contract with Kelly PC for City Attorney Services for 2026-2027

E. Council Committee Recommendation of Applicants to Appoint or Interview for Board and Commission Vacancies – Moved to end of Regular Business

Councilmember Cooperman moved to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to move item E to the last item of Regular Business; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner

COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (01:55:19)

Councilmember Fahey expressed her condolences to the family of Senator Faith Winter.

Councilmember Hamlington commented on disrespectful behavior toward City Staff.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (01:58:48)

City Manager Langley reported on the Parade of Lights, events at Library and Museum; and noted the Holiday popup at the Empire.

REGULAR BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION HONORING RETIRING LOUISVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CHIEF JOHN WILLSON (01:59:21)

Mayor Leh read the proclamation.

Councilmember Kern moved to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Councilmember Cooperman.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner

ORDINANCE NO. 1911, SERIES 2025 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12 OF THE LOUISVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE SALARY OF THE PRESIDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE (02:12:23)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

City Clerk Kline noted she did not have a presentation, but she was available for questions.

Council had no questions or comments.

Councilmember Fahey moved to pass Ordinance No. 1911, Series 2025, on first reading and to set the public hearing for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kern.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner

DISCUSSION / DIRECTON / ACTION – TRESTLE STRATEGY GROUP AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK WORK SESSION (02:14:17)

Mayor Leh introduced the item.

Community Development Director Zuccaro provided a brief introduction.

Danica Powell of Trestle Strategy Group conducted the presentation.

Council posed several questions which were acknowledged and addressed as part of the Discussion.

Council recessed briefly.

Public Comment

- None

Council shared their feedback and comments regarding mixed-use housing, newly developed units, proactive planning efforts, viewing a housing study, and policy and strategy guidance from the dais.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF APPLICANTS TO APPOINT OR INTERVIEW FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES (03:51:16)

Councilmember Cooperman indicated that he would like to add three applicants to the interviews for Open Space Advisory Board.

Councilmember Cooperman moved to interview Greg DiMedio, Rebecca Karch, and Jeffrey Otte for the Open Space Advisory Board; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington

Nay: Kern

Absent: Hoefner

City Clerk Cline provided the interview details.

Discussion was held regarding the start time of the interviews, interview questions, and onboarding process relating to directing staff.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT (04:02:50)

The City Attorney indicated there was no report.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (04:02:54)

There were no items brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURN (04:03:05)

Councilmember Fahey moved the adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dickinson.

Aye: Leh, Dickinson, Cooperman, Fahey, Hamlington, Kern

Nay: None

Absent: Hoefner

Members adjourned at 10:03pm.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

Genny Kline, City Clerk