CITY OF
LAKELAND
TENNESSEE

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2025, 5:30 PM
City Hall, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

II. INVOCATION:
The invocation was offered by Mayor Roman.

III. PLEDGE:
The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Roman.

IV. ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:

Commissioner Jim Atkinson	Present
Vice-Mayor Michele Dial	Present
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present
Commissioner Connie McCarter	Present
Mayor Josh Roman	Present

Staff personnel in attendance were Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, City Attorney Will Patterson, City Engineer Emily Harrell, Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez, Recreation Manager John Proctor, Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris, Planning Director Paul Luker and City Recorder Cheyenne Carter.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - adopting updated Land Development Regulations (LDR) for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. *Recommended by the Municipal Planning Commission*

   None.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:
None.

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

1. City Manager's Report

a. February 2025
This report was offered by Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher.

2. Commissioners' Reports

a. Industrial Development Board - *Commissioner Johnston*
This report was offered by Commissioner Johnston.

3. Mayor's Report

a. Proclamation establishing Lakeland's Arbor Day 2025
This proclamation was offered by Mayor Roman.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:
None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:
None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:
For the record: Mayor Roman motioned to bring item number 11 to the regular agenda.

When the question was called item number 11 was added to the regular agenda, voice vote, 4 in favor 1 against 0 abstain (4-1-0).

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - January 16, 2025
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman motioned to amend page 5 of 11 to correct "Mullin" to "Mullins" and page 7 of 11 to strike out "voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0)." and replace it with "without objection."

When the question was called the motion to amend the minutes passed, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the meeting minutes passed as amended, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

2. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - adopting updated Land

Development Regulations (LDR) for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee.
Recommended by the Municipal Planning Commission

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Planning Director Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

Nay: None

Abstain: None

3. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Wagner General Contractors, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025 ("FY25") Adagio Lane Improvements Project.

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

Nay: None

Abstain: None

4. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Gibson Paving, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025 ("FY25") Street Paving Project.

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

Nay: None

Abstain: None

5. **Resolution** - approving a professional service agreement with Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. for the design of Scott's Creek Greenway project.

   Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

   Nay: None

   Abstain: None

6. **Resolution** - amending the agreement with Tennessee Soccer Academy to include competitive soccer.

   Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   Recreation Manager John Proctor presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner McCarter, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

   Nay: None

   Abstain: None

7. **Resolution** - approving an independent contractor agreement with United States Tennis Association (USTA) of Tennessee for a youth tennis program.

   Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

   Recreation Manager John Proctor presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).

8. **Resolution** - authorizing the Mayor to execute a Financial Obligation Agreement between The City of Lakeland and The Industrial Development Board of The City of Lakeland, Tennessee.

   Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

   City Attorney Will Patterson presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against 0 abstain (4-1-0).

   Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

   Nay: Commissioner McCarter

   Abstain: None

9. **Discussion and Resolution** - Board of Commissioners priorities for the fiscal year 2026 annual budget, and approving the strategic goals of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee.

   Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

   Mayor Roman presented this item.

   Discussion ensued.

   For the record: Mayor Roman instructed City Staff to provide a drafted resolution at the next regular BOC meeting on February 20, 2025.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding meeting decorum. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman*

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman instructed City Attorney Will Patterson to hire a Robert's Rules expert and prepare a presentation on conflict/resolution during meetings.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding a 2025 Lakeland fireworks display and community event. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman* (added from the floor)

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman motioned that the Board of Commissioners direct the City Manager to plan a July 5, 2025 Lakeland fireworks display and community event to be coordinated so as not to conflict with the Garner Lake Association event and negotiate an agreement with Pyro Shows of LaFollette, Tennessee for Board of Commissioners approval, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 0 against 1 abstain (4-0-1).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman, Commissioner Johnston

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Connie McCarter

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Commissioner Johnston provided an update on the Lakeland Prep Middle and Lakeland High School cheer teams regarding national championships.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:52pm on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

These minutes were approved on February 20, 2025.

Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheyenne Carter

Cheyenne Carter
City Recorder