



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 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 5:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 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 Connie McCarter	Present
Mayor Josh Roman	Present
Commissioner Derek Johnston	Present

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Michael Walker, City Attorney Will Patterson, Finance Director Sue Matthews, Public Works Director Matt Brown, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris and City Recorder Cheyenne Carter.

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - amending the official zoning map of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee, by rezoning the property located at 0 Blue Bridge Lane, parcel NO L0159 00126 from C-2: Regional Commercial to R2: Suburban Manor, *Recommended by the Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission*

No comments were heard at this time.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Fiscal Year to Date through April 30, 2025
This report was offered by Finance Director Sue Matthews.

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

1. Recognition of May 2025 Honored Professions and Guests
This recognition was offered prior to the meeting from 5:00pm-5:30pm.
2. City Manager's Report *(in brief, with Lakeland School System Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell presenting the FY26 LSS budget overview)*
City Manager Michael Walker and Lakeland School Systems Finance Director Tristan Gately-Sweat offered this report.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

None.

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

Mayor Roman motioned to approve all minutes with the same vote, no objections were heard.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - April 17, 2025 (Beer Board) Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Jim Atkinson

2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - April 17, 2025 (Board of Commissioners)

Please see item one for vote.

3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes** - May 6, 2025 (Board of Commissioners - Special Called Meeting)

Please see item one for vote.

4. **Ordinance - Second and Final Reading** - amending the official zoning map of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee, by rezoning the property located at 0 Blue Bird Cove, parcel NO L0159 00126 from C-2: Regional Commercial to R2: Suburban Manor, *Recommended by the Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

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. **Ordinance - First Reading** - adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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

Finance Director Sue Matthews presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to amend the budget ordinance to add 1.1 million dollars to the street fund expenditures for to be determined paving projects, seconded by Mayor Roman.

When the question was called the motion to amend passed, roll call vote, 3 in favor 1 against 1 abstain (3-1-1).

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

Nay: Mayor Roman

Abstain: Commissioner McCarter

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman moved to amend the budget ordinance to add \$625,000 to the general fund for a traffic signal at Highway 70 and Seed Tick Road, seconded by Vice-Mayor Dial.

When the question was called the motion to amend passed, roll call vote, 3 in favor 1 against 1 abstain (3-1-1).

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

Nay: Mayor Roman

Abstain: Commissioner McCarter

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman moved to amend the budget ordinance to add \$80,000 to the street fund for Beverle Rivera striping, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion to amend passed, 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 McCarter

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman moved to amend the budget ordinance to add \$150,000 to the Parks and Recreation fund for ADA deck improvements for International Harvester Managerial Park Clubhouse, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion to amend passed, 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 McCarter

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the first reading of the budget ordinance passed as amended, roll call vote, 3 in favor 1 against 1 abstain (3-1-1).

Yea: Commissioner Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Dial, Commissioner

Johnston

Nay: Mayor Roman

Abstain: Commissioner McCarter

6. **Ordinance - First Reading** - amending Title 20 of the City of Lakeland Municipal Code to establish regulations to govern special events and mobile food vendors within the City of Lakeland. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman and City Attorney Will Patterson presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the first reading of the ordinance 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 the purchase of a Falcon 3 Ton Asphalt Hot Box from Jet-Vac through Buy Board Contract #685-22.

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

Public Works Director Matt Brown 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

8. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Lindsey Champagne doing business as 901 Goats-Walkapony Goat Ranch for a Goat Yoga program.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher 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).

9. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with the YMCA of Memphis & the Mid-South for a Lakeland Summer Camp.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

YMCA representative Mary Olds provided information at the board's request.

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

10. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Pyro Shows Inc. to provide a fireworks display for the City of Lakeland 2025 Freedom Festival.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution 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 McCarter

11. **Resolution** - approving a temporary construction easement through Windward Slopes Park for the limited purpose of allowing the removal of the in ground pool located at 9799 Windward Slopes Drive.

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

City Attorney Will Patterson 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

12. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding the annual performance evaluation process. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman moved to include the City Manager's performance review as a part of this budget process and future budget processes, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the motion 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

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Vice-Mayor Dial announced the event to rename the athletic complex to the Brody Townsend Athletic Complex on Saturday, May 17th.

2. Commissioner McCarter provided thanks to all involved in the presentation of the proclamations.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

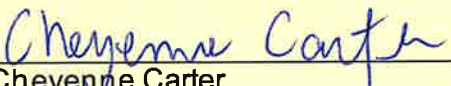
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:42pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

These minutes were approved on June 5, 2025.



Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheyenne Carter
City Recorder