

CITY OF
LAKELAND
TENNESSEE

Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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, April 2, 2026.

II. INVOCATION:

The invocation was offered by Mayor Josh 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 Emily Harrell, City Attorney Will Patterson, Planning Director Paul Luker, Public Works Director Nick Pullido, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Senior Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez and City Recorder Rebecca Hume .

V. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Ordinance Second and Final Reading** - amending Title 20, Chapter 4 of Lakeland's Municipal Code by adding an ordinance regulating the use of tobacco and vapor products. *Sponsored by Mayor Roman*

Amanda Beckham, representative of Smoke Free Tennessee and the American Heart Association, made comments.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

None.

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Emily Harrell offered this report.

2. Commissioners' Report

- a. Industrial Development Board - *Commissioner Johnston*
Commissioner Johnston offered this report.

3. Mayor's Report

- a. Proclamation establishing National Day of Prayer 2026

Mayor Roman read the National Day of Prayer 2026 Proclamation.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Christy Halliday, 3000 block of Lighthouse Lane, asked questions and made comments regarding fiber optic installation companies and the Lakeland Community Center pickleball courts.

City Manager Emily Harrell answered questions regarding fiber optic installation companies.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher answered questions regarding the Lakeland Community Center pickleball courts.

City Attorney Will Patterson made comments regarding fiber optic installation.

Commissioner McCarter requested to move Agenda Item 15 Changing Lakeland's form of Government to Item 13, to move Item 13 Setting the salary of the Mayor of the City Lakeland, TN, to Item 14, and to move Item 14 Approving a list of 2026 Proclamations to Item 15.

There were no objections to these changes and the items were rearranged to that order.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

- 1. **Resolution** - recommending the Board of Commissioners approve the sewer concept plan for Chapel Lakes Planned Development.

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

City Manager Emily Harrell 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).

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

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

Mayor Roman made notice that the approval of the meeting minutes were for March 19, 2026.

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

Commissioner McCarter advised of corrections needing to be made to the March 19th, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Roman made a motion to table the March 19th, 2026, Meeting Minutes until the next BOC meeting with the corrections made.

When the question was called the motion to table the March 19th Meeting Minutes until the next BOC passed, voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

2. **Ordinance Second and Final Reading** - amending Title 20, Chapter 4 of Lakeland's Municipal Code by adding an ordinance regulating the use of tobacco and vapor products. *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.

When the question was called the Ordinance passed as presented,

voice vote, 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain (5-0-0).

3. **Ordinance First Reading** - amending Lakeland's Municipal Code regarding the square footage requirement for retail food stores. *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.

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

4. **Resolution** - approving the sewer concept plan for Chapel Lakes Planned Development. Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

This item was presented under Sewerage Commission Business.

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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

5. **Resolution** - approving the Chapel Lakes Planned Development Outline Plan. Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice Mayor Dial.

Planning Director Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Louis Ricci, on behalf of Cummings LLC., made comments.

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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

6. **Resolution** - approving the Lakeland Commons Planned Development Outline Plan amendment.
Vice Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson

Planning Director Paul Luker presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

City Attorney Will Patterson engaged in discussion and answered questions.

Developer Vince Smith, 300 block of Tara Lane Memphis, TN, answered questions for the board.

Mayor Roman made a motion to amend the resolution to condition the approval in executing the appropriate documents to provide the city with 65% of the incremental property tax generator from lot 9, seconded by Commissioner McCarter.

Developer Vince Smith made comments.

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

7. **Resolution** - approving Amendment #1 to the Residential Subdivision Development Contract for Ashmont Planned Development Areas 1, 4, & 7B and rescinding R-13-2026. Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Mayor Roman.

City Manager Emily Harrell 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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

8. **Resolution** - approving Amendment #4 to the agreement between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the City of Lakeland for the Canada Road from I-40 to SR-1 (US-70) project. Mayor Roman 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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

9. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Canada Road from I-40 to SR-1 (US-70) Phase 2.

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

Senior Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez 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).

10. **Resolution** - approving amendment #1 to the agreement between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the City of Lakeland for the Seed Tick Road intersection improvement at Memphis Arlington Road project. Vice Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Senior 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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

11. **Resolution** — approving the purchase of EQ Pumps from BAR Environmental, Inc.

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

Public Works Director Nick Pulido 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).

12. **Resolution** - approving an agreement with Barnes & Brower, Inc. for the Brody Townsend Athletic Complex Restroom Project
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice Mayor Dial.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher 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, Commissioner Johnston,
Commissioner McCarter, Vice Mayor Dial, Mayor Roman

Nay: None

Abstain: None

15. **Discussion and Possible Action** - regarding changing Lakeland's form of government.
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner McCarter.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Resident Charles Carroll, 3000 block of Creekwood Lane, made comments.

Resident David Loveland, 4000 block of Pine Hill Cove South, made comments.

Resident Richard Gonzales, 5000 block of Conifer View Lane, made comments.

Commissioner McCarter made comments.

13. **Resolution** - setting the salary of the Mayor of the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. *Sponsored by Commissioner Johnston*
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Mayor Roman presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner McCarter made a motion to defer the resolution until the city moves forward with the change to Mayor Alderman form of Government. No second motion was made, the motion failed.

Mayor Roman made a motion to send the resolution of setting the salary of the Mayor of the City of Lakeland, TN, to the Community Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the motion to move the Mayoral Pay Conversation to the Community Advisory Board passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain (4-1-0).

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

Nay: Commissioner McCarter

Abstain: None

14. **Resolution** - approving a list of 2026 Proclamations for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. *Sponsored by Commissioner McCarter*
No motions were made to bring this item to the floor, this item failed to make it to the floor.


XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Mayor Roman made announcements.

Commissioner McCarter made comments.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

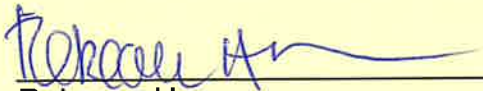
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:23 on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

These minutes were approved on April 16, 2026.



Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Hume
City Recorder